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ALIBABA FOUNDER JACK MA MISSING FOR TWO MONTHS

The billionaire has been under the Chinese government's scrutiny since the suspension of his Ant Group's $37-bn IPO

SKIPPED FINAL EPISODE OF HIS OWN SHOW

Curiously, the abrupt suspension of the IPO came a month after Jack Ma publicly criticised Chinese regulators for "lagging the times". While Ma has not been seen in public for the past two months, reports say he did not even show up for the final episode of his own talent show, Africa's Business Heroes, and an Alibaba executive had taken his place

CHINESE AUTHORITIES AFTER MA'S EMPIRE

- Ant Group IPO, which was to be simultaneously listed on Shanghai and Hong Kong bourses on November 5, 2020 and was touted as the world's biggest — was halted 48 hours before going public
- China's regulatory authorities are probing Alibaba, which has been asked to rejig its lending and other consumer finance operations

$11 bn

LOSS SUFFERED BY MA IN PAST THREE MONTHS, ACCORDING TO BLOOMBERG

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Ministers and farmer union leaders pay tribute to farmers who died during the protests, at the beginning of their 7th round of talks in New Delhi on Monday | PTI

Talks fail again on repeal pitch, next meet on Friday

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi/Chandigarh

THE seventh round of talks between the Centre and farmers ended in a stalemate on Monday, as both sides stuck to their positions on the issue of repeal of the three contentious farm laws. While the two sides agreed to meet again on Friday, the farmers said they would hold a meeting on Tuesday to discuss ways to intensify their protest.

Sources said the talks began with the government categorically stating the laws cannot be repealed, but amendments can be made, if needed. The unions rejected this, saying their demand of repeal of the farm laws is non-negotiable.

The government, then, attempted to hold discussions on the MSP, but the protesters would have none of it as they insisted the government must first address their demand to repeal the objectionable laws.

The bitterness continued during the lunch that followed, with the farmers refusing to break bread with the ministers. "You eat your food, we will eat ours," sources quoted the union leaders as saying.

This is in a sharp contrast to the camaraderie displayed on December 30, when Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal shared the food brought by the farmers.

"The government repeated everything and asked us for a point-wise discussion. Our demand is that there can no negotiations on repealing the new laws," farm leader Harmeet Kadiyan said. "The government claimed many farm organisations were supporting the laws while we mentioned that an RTI has revealed the laws were passed without discussion with any farmer organization. We will go ahead with our programmes scheduled between January 6 and 20," he added.

Sources said it was Minister of State for Industries Som Parkash who convinced the farm union leaders to agree to meet again on January 8.

After the meeting, Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said, "The fact that the farmers are talking to us shows that they trust the government. We are hopeful all issues would be resolved after the next meeting."

Harinder Singh Lakhowal of BKU Punjab said the only agenda for the January 8 meeting is the repeal of laws.

Hannan Mollah of All India Kisan Sabha said, "The agitation will not be withdrawn until the laws are repealed." P9

Dosing for Oxford vaccine different for tests, rollout

Not 28 days, regulator okayed second shot in 4-12 week interval

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

A day after the drug regulator greenlighted Covishield, a vaccine against Covid-19 produced by Serum Institute of India that could be the mainstay of the country's immunisation drive at least initially, it emerged that the approval was for a dosing regimen that has not tested in India so far.

In the phase 2 and 3 trial design of the vaccine, originally developed by AstraZeneca-Oxford University, two doses were given 28 days or four weeks apart in India. But the regulator accorded permission for the second dose to be administered 4-12 weeks apart in its letter to the company.

Covishield and Bharat Biotech's Covaxin were granted restricted emergency use (REU) authorisation in India on Sunday. "The second dose should be administered between 4 to 6 weeks after the first dose," the Drug Controller General of India's letter said. "However, there is data available for administration of the second dose up to 12 weeks after the first dose from the overseas studies," the letter added.

Experts pointed out that by allowing duration flexibility of up to 12 weeks, the regulator just followed the UK permission model to AstraZeneca's vaccine. "Clearly, a lot of rules have been relaxed in granting the REU to the vaccine and this may also be one of them," said an ICMR scientist, who did not wish to be named. "Normally, vaccines or drugs are approved under the same dosing schedule under which they have been tested in the country."

In the UK, the regulators decided to give the Oxford vaccine to people as one shot, followed by another up to 12 weeks later to extend protection to as many people as possible. But experts questioned the decision since there isn't sufficient evidence to extend the time between injections to 12 weeks. In India, SII presented to the regulator only the immunogenicity data from 185 of the proposed 400 volunteers as part of its phase 2 trial and no efficacy data from the phase 3 trial, as per publicly available information. P3

WHY REGULATORY NOD TO VACCINES IS UNDER PUBLIC SCRUTINY

COVISHIELD

Serum Institute of India submitted immunogenicity data of only about 185 people from phase 2 trial

No efficacy data from the vaccine's phase 3 trial in India

Dosing schedule with 4-12 week gap have been permitted, but the vaccine has been tested at a gap of only 4 weeks in India so far

COVAXIN

Current enrolment for phase 3 trial is around 22,000, but no phase 3 efficacy data available or submitted

The regulator said that the rollout of the vaccine will be in 'clinical trial mode', but there is no explanation yet on what it means

A claim is being propagated the Whole-Virion inactivated vaccine will be effective against mutations of the virus, but this is not being supported by any evidence

Fierce fightback by Bharat Biotech, says it doesn't deserve the backlash

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

BHARAT Biotech's head Krishna Ella, whose Covaxin has been approved for restricted use as a Covid-19 jab, hit out at critics on Monday, including competitor Serum Institute of India (SII) chief Adar Poonawalla, saying his firm did not deserve the backlash.

Poonawalla on Sunday had said that vaccines by only Pfizer, Moderna and Oxford-AstraZeneca had proven efficacy, while all other vaccines including Covaxin, were "safe, just like water".

Addressing a virtual press conference, Ella said his company had carried out "200 per cent honest clinical trials", had an established track record of producing 16 safe and efficacious vaccines, and was transparent with all data.

> I don't know what is back up, there is no back up. People should be responsible in giving statements like these
> — Krishna Ella critiquing AIIMS, Delhi boss Randeep Guleria's remark

As for Poonawalla's barb, he said, "Covaxin has shown less than 10% adverse reactions, while others have 60-70% adverse reactions. AstraZeneca was giving 4g paracetamol to volunteers to suppress such reactions. We haven't given paracetamol to any volunteer," ANI quoted him as saying.

Amid concerns regarding Covaxin's efficacy, Ella said it is safe and the company is conducting trials in more than 12 countries apart from India. Taking a nationalistic pitch, he said, "I don't know why Indian companies are targeted by everyone in the world."

Tearing apart Poonawalla's claim that his risk in stockpiling 500 million doses of Covishield had paid off, Ella said it was his company that had actually taken the biggest risk.

"We were not paid any money either by the Gates Foundation or the government, but we still thought it was our moral responsibility to work on a Covid-19 vaccine and produced 20 million doses under risk manufacturing," he said. SII has entered into a partnership with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, to deliver up to 100 million doses of Covid-19 vaccines for India and other low- and middle-income countries. P9

EXPRESS READ

PM wishes DVS a speedy recovery

Bengaluru: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday wished ailing Union minister D V Sadananda Gowda a speedy recovery. "The PM has advised Gowda to take rest," his confidant said. P4

Chhota Rajan gets 2 years' jail for extortion

Mumbai: A CBI court on Monday sentenced gangster Chhota Rajan and three others to two years in jail in an extortion case. They were charged with trying to extort ₹26 crore from builder Nandu Wajekar.

WIKILEAKS

UK judge blocks extradition of 'suicidal' Julian Assange to US

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

A British court on Monday junked the US' plea to extradite WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, citing the risk of suicide if the 49-year-old Australian is sent to US custody, where he could face up to 175 years in jail for publishing classified military information and diplomatic cables.

"I have decided that extradition would be oppressive and I order his discharge," District Judge Vanessa Baraitser at the Old Bailey court in London said in her ruling.

Assange was diagnosed in December 2019 with recurrent depressive disorder, which was sometimes accompanied by hallucinations and thoughts of suicide, the judge said.

Since he was arrested at the Ecuadorean embassy in London in April 2019, Assange has been held in London's HMP Belmarsh prison.

He was sentenced to 50 weeks in prison for jumping bail back in 2012. Although he served the whole sentence, he was not released as the extradition case was going on.

The US has said it would appeal judge Baraitser's ruling. This means Assange is not likely to be freed from prison right away.

Assange's lawyers argued he was acting as a journalist. The US claims Assange conspired with an army analyst to access a classified military computer. Assange has denied this charge and claimed there is no evidence to show anyone's safety was put at risk.

$100 mn ADB loan to up power distribution in Bengaluru

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@ Bengaluru

THE city's power infrastructure is being overhauled in a big way. By 2022, all the overhead electricity cables will be replaced with underground power cables in all subdivisions of Bescom as part of the Bengaluru Smart Energy Efficient Power Distribution Project.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) will provide a $100 million loan to modernise and upgrade the power distribution system in Bengaluru city, a finance ministry statement said. The ADB and the Centre signed it on December 31. This is the first of its kind financial arrangement by the ADB in which sovereign and non-sovereign loans have been put together for a state government-owned enterprise (Bescom).

"The modernisation and upgradation of power supply in the city is being done in a phased manner. The initial phase was funded by Bescom and the State Government. Some loan was partly taken by the Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation and some commercial banks. The ADB loan is for phase four – for the underground cabling of power lines and underground distribution of high-speed optical fibre cables (OFCs) – to strengthen communication network in the city," said a senior Bescom officer. P7

State gets ₹769 cr as GST compensation shortfall

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@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Government on Monday received ₹769 crore from the Centre as part of its 10th weekly instalment to meet the GST compensation shortfall.

Of the total ₹6,000 crore released by the Centre, ₹5,516.60 crore is for 23 states and ₹483.40 crore for three Union Territories of Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir and Puducherry.

Government sources said the 10th instalment of ₹769 crore is more or less the same as the earlier instalments, which were in the range of ₹600 crore to ₹700 crore.

The Centre stated that a special borrowing window was set up in October 2020 to meet the estimated shortfall of ₹1.10 lakh crore in revenues because of implementation of GST. The Centre is borrowing on behalf of the states and UTs and has completed 10 rounds. The states started receiving the funds from October 23, 2020 onwards.

So far, ₹60,000 crore has been raised by the Centre through the special borrowing window at an average interest rate of 4.6892 per cent.

The Centre has also granted permission to the states to borrow an equivalent to 0.50 per cent of the GSDP additionally to help them mobilise further financial resources. Under this, Karnataka is allowed to borrow ₹9,018 crore.

PROPERTY TAX ALL SET TO GO UP IN PANCHAYAT LIMITS

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

THE State Government is all set to increase the property tax within Panchayat limits, and the task of passing the resolution to increase the taxes will fall on 91,000 panchayat members, who were elected recently.

As per the Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj Act, the taxes have to be revised once in two years. But only some panchayats have periodically increased the taxes, while majority have been stalling the decision, leading to a shortfall in revenue targets. Officials from the Rural Development Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Department said that they need ₹911 crore per year to pay the salaries of all the panchayat employees, but they face a shortage because panchayats do not collect taxes effectively. Every year, the target is set at around ₹600 crore, but panchayats collect only around ₹400 crore. Besides, there is a balance of ₹1,206 crore that has piled up over the years. P7

CM begins meet, BJP MLAs from all regions seek funds for growth

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A confident CM B S Yediyurappa, backed by the BJP state executive and core committees that met at Shivamogga till Sunday, started meeting party MLAs on Monday to take into confidence all sections of the party and also to hear their grievances. The legislators from across regions demanded that the chief minister release funds for development works in their constituencies.

On Monday, legislators from Kalyana Karnataka, Mumbai-Karnataka, central Karnataka and coastal Karnataka regions met the chief minister, while on Tuesday, MLAs from Bengaluru, Mysuru, Malnad and other districts are set to interact with him.

As MLAs complained of lack of funds for development works, the CM is said to have explained to them that the state is facing a financial crisis because of Covid and floods. He told them that he was unable to release funds as per allocations made in the last year's budget, but assured them that he will fulfil their demands in this year's budget as the state's finances are already showing signs of recovery. The coming budget will focus on the health sector, he told them.

After meeting the chief minister, Kalaburagi South MLA Dattatreya Patil Revoor, who is also president of the Kalyana Karnataka Region Development Board (KKRDB), Sedam MLA Rajkumar Patil Telkur and Kalaburagi Rural MLA Basavaraj Mattimudu told *TNIE* that the government has sanctioned ₹1,170 crore to KKRDB as against the demand for ₹1,500 crore. Only ₹450 crore has been released in two tranches so far, they added. P4

YATNAL QUESTIONS VIJAYENDRA'S INTERFERENCE

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa advised Vijayapura MLA Basavaraj Patil Yatnal not to make allegations that may embarrass the party and government. During the meeting, Yatnal is said to have accused Yediyurappa's son Vijayendra of interfering in the government, and added that everything has to go through Vijayendra, sources said | P4

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, and Deputy CMs Govind Karjol and Laxman Savadi at the meeting with BJP MLAs in Bengaluru on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

ALMANAC TODAY
• **Tuesday:** 05/01/2021 • **Year:** Sarvari • **Ayana:** Dakshinayana
• **Ritu:** Himantha • **Masa:** Margashira • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Sapthami 2.53 am
• **Nakshatra:** Utthara Phalguni 5.48 pm • Moon in Tula Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 03:00 am to 04:30 am
• **Gulikakala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER
MIN 18°C | MAX 26°C
FORECAST
Showers late. Increasing cloudiness

Sunrise 6.43 am
Sunset 6.07 pm
Moonrise 11.51 pm
Moonset 11.32 am

Attendance and attention rise in offline PU classes

Class being held in safe environment; practical classes await government orders

PEARL MARIA DSOUZA
@Bengaluru

ON Monday, attendance at PU Colleges in the state had risen to 55 percent, Snehal R, Director of the Department of Pre-University Education, said on Monday.

Minister for Primary and Secondary Education Suresh Kumar said that of the 3,62,704 students enrolled in 5492 PU colleges across the state, 1,99,553 students (55.018 pc) attended offline classes. He said that Vidyagama classes were being held in a safe environment and that physical distance was being maintained.

As many as 1,99,553 students (55%) of the 3,62,704 students enrolled in 5,492 PU colleges across the state, attended offline classes on Monday. Similarly, of 9,29,130 students enrolled in Class 10 in 16,850 high schools, 4,81,728 turned up for class (51.95%), he added.

As many as 4,71,823 students in Classes 9 attended Vidyagama classes on Monday, he said.

"I chose to come to college because of internet issues with online classes. Today was the first day of class and I understood far more today. There was lack of a proper guidance in online classes," Shaina A, student from a private PU College said.

"However, several of my classmates did not turn up due to a slew of reasons. Many were yet to come back to town, some feared being pulled up for not completing notes, a few decided to wait for another week to see how those who attend respond," she added.

"It seems like there is far more attentiveness in classrooms now than before. We can focus much better now, especially with reduced strength. Monitoring of classrooms also is seeming much easier now," said Keara S, another student.

Practical classes are yet to start at several colleges. Teachers told TNIE that they were awaiting clear guidelines from the department on running labs for practicals.

Snehal R told TNIE that there will be no compromise on physical distancing within practical labs -- not more than 20 students will be allowed. If there is a lack of equipment, the number of batches per class will increase to ensure the distancing norms are met, she added.

With limited workforce, Kiran, a lecturer at a private college told TNIE that the workload had quadrupled, taking into consideration the physical distancing norms.

However, lecturers too seem thrilled to have students finally on campus, said a teacher who heads the science department. Yet, the typical buzz of student activity in colleges is yet to occur -- with distancing norms, students sit far apart and teachers are finding it much easier to carry on with classes.

On its first journey, the train to the airport ferried only 12 passengers. (Right) the train decorated with garlands chugs out of KIA station on Monday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

KIA train gets big thumbs up!

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

AS the Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna-Devanahalli Diesel Electric Multiple Unit (DEMU) chugged out of KSR Station on schedule at 4.45am Monday, the 12 passengers and railway officials were all smiles, enjoying their ride on the first train to Kempegowda International Airport Halt Station (KIAD).

The train stopped at seven stations before reaching KIA at 6.02am, 12 minutes behind schedule. Just as the train, bedecked with garlands, buntings and banners was about to depart from Platform 7, H M Ananthmurthy and his cousin came rushing with four tickets in hand. They managed to get the autograph of senior train guard Alok Pandey. "You can call me a 'ticket collector'. I have been collecting first-day train tickets of new trains for over 30 years, and I always get the autograph of the guard," Ananthmurthy said. The duo stood at the platform, waving to those inside the train.

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Bengaluru Division, A N Krishna Reddy said, "Thirty-four tickets were sold, but only 12 passengers travelled." Barring the first coach in which Bangalore Central MP P C Mohan, railway officials and cops travelled, the other seven coaches of Train 02685 had few passengers, and can ferry 2,004 passengers.

There was an atmosphere of camaraderie. C Akhilesh, a businessman, said, "I read that a ticket to the airport would cost only Rs 10-15. I couldn't believe it. My brother and I came by car from Padmanabha Nagar just to board the train. This is too good!"

The ticket price was much discussed. While a ticket from KSR to KIA Halt costs Rs 15, a system error issued tickets to passengers at Rs 10, springing a surprise. "We thought Rs 15 was cheap, we got it cheaper today!" exclaimed S Karthick.

Mohan said, "Even a cup of coffee is costlier than travelling to the airport. This will help the middle class and poor, and airport employees." A shuttle bus by airport operator Bangalore International Airport Limited ferried passengers to the terminal.

Rajkumar Dugar, a rail enthusiast and founder of Citizens for Citizens, who got on the train at Cantonment, said he didn't sleep a wink so he could reach the station at 4.23 am.

At Yelahanka, Sanjeev Dyamannavar, another rail fan, rushed in. "A 12-year dream has been realised. Railways should introduce additional services," he said.

> **The five pairs of trains will have a two-minute stop at KIA Halt. It is generally a two-minute halt but an error had crept in the time-table, specifying one-minute halt only**
>
> Railway official

State clears Koramangala valley project

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@Bengaluru

THE Department of Urban Development has given financial approval for the K-100 project, that would overhaul drainge in Koramangala.

The BBMP Commissioner's office recently released information about the clearance given in December for the the Citizens Water Way Project- Development and Rejuvenation of Koramangala (K-100) valley project.

It includes design and construction of sewage treatment plants, refurbishing of the existing rajakaluve network under a five-year build-operate-transfer scheme. Project cost has dropped to Rs 16,900 from Rs 27,000 crore when the project was conceptualised.

Works to be carried out include remodeling of existing bridges, construction of 5 MLD STP at Bamboo Bazaar, horticulture works including Miyawaki forest and landscaping. No deadline has been set for execution and completion of the project, but the government has said the catchment area will be made zero discharge.

BBMP TO REDO 2 B'LURU STREETS BASED ON CITIZENS' DESIGNS

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) is going to redo the streets and remodel two streets in Bengaluru based on designs prepared by citizens.

Under the Streets for People Challenge, the best designs submitted by citizens and architects will be used by DULT to recreate and redesign two streets in Jayanagar and Wilson Garden.

The challenge is organised by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and to implement it in Bengaluru, DULT has joined hands with Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and Bengaluru Smart City Limited.

"The best design recognised by the central government will be implemented in Bengaluru. This is also being done in Hubballi and Dharwad. The designs are different for different localities and the challenge for architects is to come up with something unique. The idea is not just to pedestrianise the roads, but to make them public-friendly," said a senior DULT official.

The deadline for submitting applications has been extended to January 2021, from December 2020. The purpose of the Challenge is to improve walkability, improve footpaths and make them pedestrian-friendly through practical citizens' intervention. A total of 113 cities in India are participating in the challenge. Designers have to ensure fair distribution of space, safety and security, comfort, sensitivity to local context, liveability and environmental sustainability. The importance of community involvement is the heart of the challenge.

"This is the first time such an initiative is being taken up. In case of Church Street, experts chosen by the government were involved in making it pedestrian-friendly. But here, it is citizens who are being involved in making roads in their areas and neighbourhoods commuter-friendly. This will bring a sense of ownership and responsibility among citizens. The designs which do not win, but are interesting and suitable for Bengaluru roads will be picked up and implemented in other places," said a senior BBMP official.

DULT is also working on calling for applications to design the Gandhi Bazaar road, which has been conceptualised by GIZ. "We are preparing for a challenge here also. We are thinking of themes like modern or heritage," the DULT official added.

Hakki Habba to take off today

The Hakki Habba kicks off at the Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple Tiger Reserve on Tuesday. Although registration is limited to 50 due to the pandemic, the three-day festival will go ahead with its agenda of creating a new checklist of birds in the region and also identify those that are endemic to BRT. In the last checklist created in 2011, 270 avian species were recorded.

PICS: P MANJUNATH

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

05th January : I'm always being asked how on earth planets so far away, like Neptune, can possibly exert an influence on us. The answer is quite subtle. Astrology is all about identifying and analysing patterns, while examining our part in the greater scheme of things. And that's why astrologers emphasise it's what we do that really matters, not what happens to us.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Today's lively Moon will make it very much easier to take a valuable step up the slippery ladder of success. The fact is that others may benefit from the fallout of your very worthwhile efforts. However, don't imagine that there's not a lot of hard work ahead.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
You'd probably do well to take care of financial affairs today, especially joint arrangements. In other words, it's the optimum moment to settle debts and balance the books. The best period for professional initiatives is just around the corner, so make your plans now.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
If ever you dreamt of the perfect moment to seek a rise in your income, now could be it. The main advice is to look for an approach which is slightly out of the ordinary. You will, though, have to offer something unusual in return. But what might it be? The answer could be closer than you think.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Your remarkable intuition, coupled with your innate Cancerian common sense, should be advising you to follow the line of least resistance. Assuming that partners are on hand to take care of the practical dimension, go for the most romantic and unrealistic choices.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Even a long, drawn-out wrangle over finances should soon be settled. The best way out of a mess may actually be to work through the muddle, and then make a quick getaway! Have your fall-back position ready, and see to it that you're not trapped in a corner.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
It's time for a spot of lateral thinking, making connections which evade ordinary people, and finding answers in the most unusual places. You've got to forge the links which can help you break free from a current dilemma. The solutions may be just around the corner.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
A few smart moves could slash your domestic and routine chores. Labour-saving gadgets could help, as will delegation of duties to others. However, your main challenge will be to face the fact that certain long-held opinions must now be cast to the four winds.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You'll certainly have a few brilliant ideas, but whether they'll be of any use is quite another matter! It's probably best to play about with all your different options in a spirit of pure experimentation. If anything is finalised today it may be cancelled by the end of the week, so keep an open mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
The poetry in your soul is stirring, so it's time for emotional dreams and choices. The romantic situation is beginning to look decidedly more colourful for everyone in search of love. The point is, though, that you might form the most unexpected and surprising attachments!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Certain family matters may be somewhat confusing, but there's nothing wrong with that. And there's probably nothing new in it either! What you need is a sense of humour, plus a realisation that if other people want to make mistakes, that is their business!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You're plugging directly into deep wells of unconscious wisdom at the moment, so it's a perfect moment for coming up with strokes of genius. This development is directly applicable to your financial situation, and you may follow a hunch if you want to make a mint.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
The Sun's gentle passage through your chart should steer you into a new and more advantageous position. Come up with as many suggestions as you want, but give yourself all the time you need to mull things over. And remember - if a job is worth doing, you'll probably have to do it yourself.

THE PHANTOM

MY HUSBAND DEFEATED VICTOR IN CIUDAD JUAREZ! HE ENDED THE CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION!
VICTOR FLED TO RHODIA...
WHERE HE AND THE CORRUPT REGIME SET A TRAP FOR MY HUSBAND!
Falk 1/5

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

HONEY, LET'S KISS AND DECLARE OUR DISAGREEMENT A COMPROMISE
I'D LIKE THAT, DEAR
KISS
THAT DIDN'T FEEL LIKE A TOTAL COMPROMISE KISS TO ME!
I THINK YOU WERE HOLDING BACK A LITTLE YOURSELF, DEAR

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SU DO KU

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EVIL

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

7	4	6	2	5	9	8	3	1
1	9	3	6	8	7	4	5	2
2	8	5	4	3	1	6	7	9
8	7	2	5	9	3	1	4	6
3	6	9	7	1	4	5	2	8
5	1	4	8	6	2	7	9	3
9	5	1	3	4	8	2	6	7
6	2	8	9	7	5	3	1	4
4	3	7	1	2	6	9	8	5

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

RACYR

SUDEO

TUNIOG

NOLLEY

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BLURT KITTY FINALE HIDDEN
Answer: When Microsoft co-founder Mr. Gates bought a new suit, he chose one that — FIT THE BILL

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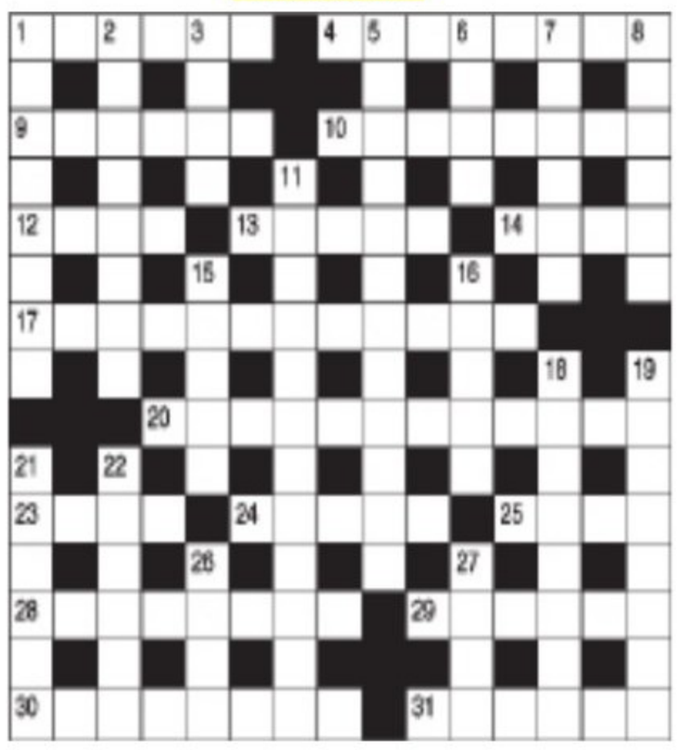
CROSS WORD



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VACCINE HESITANCY

K'TAKA'S MEDICAL STAFF WARY OF JAB

Raise concerns over lack of data; experts say govt must honestly communicate to tackle fears

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

A certain level of vaccine hesitancy is setting in among health workers and experts in Karnataka, who have joined the growing chorus of voices questioning the decision to grant emergency use approval for Bharat Biotech's Covaxin.

Several doctors government and privately employed doctors who spoke to *The New Indian Express* on condition of anonymity, expressed apprehension over the decision, saying, "It could lead to vaccine hesitancy in the public too, and we may not be in a position later to convince general public to take the vaccine." The World Health Organisation defines vaccine hesitancy as a delay in acceptance or refusal of vaccines even when they are available. Vaccine hesitancy is complex and context-specific.

The Subject Expert Committee approved Bharat Biotech's Covaxin for emergency use on Saturday, sparking a row. Critics pointed out that Phase 3 trials — which test for efficacy — had only begun in November. The previous two phases test for safety and ability to provoke an immune response, they said.

A senior cardiologist said that health workers too were prone to such apprehensions just like any other person. "We knew that more than one vaccine would come into the Indian market but approval of Covaxin was a shocker. Approval given at a time when the Phase 3 trials are still on, is very hasty, irrespective of what they want to call it," the cardiologist said. Referring to the statement of AIIMS Director Dr Randeep Guleria, a member of the national Covid-19 taskforce, who called Covaxin a "back-up", the cardiologist said, "Words like 'back up' vaccine etc are new to us."

Reluctance among medical staff to take the jab ranges between minor reservations to serious concerns about safety, and non-availability of data on the vaccines they will be getting, experts say.

A senior epidemiologist said, "Anyone taking the jab — be it a doctor, police or health staff, or common man — would want to know if it is tried and tested. Why should frontine workers etc have to take any risk at all?" Many doctors preferred to wait for mRNA-based vaccines to come into the market and were ready to wait even if was delayed or expensive compared to existing vaccines, he said.

"Only a third of people may want to get the jab in the first round. Many would want to wait. Though we plan to get vaccinated at some point, we will definitely want to wait and watch," said a paediatric surgeon.

COVISHIELD

(Oxford-AstraZeneca-Serum Institute of India)

- Uses weakened strain of adenovirus (common cold virus, which has genetic material similar to SARS-COV-2)
- Completed all 3 phases; 70.42% effective
- Developed by Oxford-AstraZeneca, to be manufactured here by Serum Institute of India. Has approval for emergency use in India (on Sunday), the UK
- To be main vaccine in India as data is proven for emergency use

COVAXIN

(Bharat Biotech)

- Uses dead/ inactive SARS-CoV-2
- Phase 3 trial underway; no efficacy rate made public yet
- Approvied, but Phase 3 clinical trials data awaited next month
- National Covid-19 taskforce says vaccine cleared "only as a back-up". Based on Phase 3 data, it may be approved on the lines of Covishield

Meanwhile, bioethics researcher Dr Anant Bhan said on Monday, "Publishing of data is all that is needed. Once the data is published by Covaxin's manufacturers and the expert committee, the issue will be resolved. The data will clarify all the queries posed. Publish it. That will make it easier for the public to make a decision. They will surely have efficacy data of early trials. Why can't it be disclosed?"

However, addressing the media on Tuesday, Bharat Biotech CMD Krishna Ella hit back at critics. "We have published in a lot of journals. We were the first to identify the Zika virus and the first to file a global patent for the Zika vaccine and the Chikungunya vaccine. It is not correct to say that we are not transparent with data... We don't deserve the backlash," he said.

Combating hesitancy

However, doctors say that the state needs to understand the concerns that health care workers and the public have about Covid-19 vaccines and and combat them to build trust and confidence. It would need a multi-pronged strategy, with one of the most important ones being transparent communication.

"This communication should clearly state what the vaccines are made of, how they work, how they have been tested, and how it has been possible to get to the stage of having an approved vaccine so quickly. It should also acknowledge any areas of uncertainty and be transparent about possible side-effects. As part of the approach to building confidence, we also need to target misinformation, which can trigger hesitancy and negative emotions about vaccines, particularly if other sources of information are not available," a public health expert explained.

75 UK returnees yet to be traced, says Sudhakar

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SEVENTY-FIVE people who returned to India from the UK are yet to be traced and will be found soon, Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said on Monday.

A total of 2,500 people had returned to Karnataka between September 25 and December 22. Tracing has been delayed as three people have foreign addresses. "We had approached immigration authorities who gave us the information we had sought. However, the information given by the passengers is incomplete, which cannot be called a mistake on the part of immigration authorities. Our people our working hard to track those who are missing," Sudhakar said.

He said he has continuously been in touch with BBMP officials and the home department to trace the 75 people. So far, 34 of 48 international passengers who tested positive are UK returnees. But only 10 have the UK strain and are under treatment.

Vaccine row

With a controversy breaking out over emergency use approval given to Bharat Biotech's vaccine, Sudhakar too pitched in, but did not name names.

"We have developed indigenous vaccines ahead of several developed nations and all corona warriors will be administered the vaccine in the first phase. Now, emergency approval has been given for restricted use and full licence will be approved after successful completion of third-stage clinical trials. I have personally spoken to scientists involved in research and development of vaccines who said it is safe," he said.

EXPRESS READ

Six teachers test +ve for Covid

KARWAR: Three days after schools resumed classes, six teachers from Honnavar, Bhatkal, Kumta and Ankola have tested positive. Covid tests are compulsory for teachers. Those who tested positive are now in home isolation. ENS

Pvt schools make testing a must

MADIKERI: Several private schools in Kodagu have made Covid tests a must for students in Classes 6-10, as schools have reopened. Due to this, children and parents are crowding at hospitals. However, SOPs state that Covid tests are mandatory only for teachers. ENS

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CORRIGENDUM

Tenderers may please note the following changes in 1. Tender No. 01201169A for Set of Swinging Link Pin and Swinging Nut. Due Date to be read as 15.01.2021 instead of 08.01.2021. **2.** Tender No. 17201497 for the Procurement of Supply and Application of Set of SS Luggage Racks in LHB Parcel Van. Due Date to be read as 11.01.2021 instead of 31.12.2020. **3.** Tender No. 17201494 for Procurement of Set of Seats and Births with PU Foam for LHB SCN & LWACCN Coaches. Due Date to be read as 08.01.2021 instead of 01.01.2021. **All other terms & conditions will remain the same.** **PCMM**

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Government of Jharkhand

Department of Information Technology and e-Governance

Jharkhand Mantralaya, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004

Tender Notice

On behalf of the Government of Jharkhand, the **Department of Information Technology & e-Governance** invites sealed tender bids (Technical and Commercial) for **Supply, Installation and Maintenance** of **SIX (06) units of Enterprise Class Routers** for Aadhaar Authentication Infrastructure from Bidder for connectivity at Jharkhand State Data Centre **(JHSDC) and UIDAI Data Centre at Manesar & Bengaluru.**

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2	Bid Security (EMD)	Rupees Twenty Thousand Only (Rs. 20,000/-)
3	EMD in favour of	Director IT , DoIT & e-Gov., Jharkhand
4	Bank, Branch and IFSC code	Bank of India, Jharkhand Secretariat, IFSC Code# BKID0004998
5	Pre-Bid Conference (Date, Time & Place)	12.01.2021 at 15:00 hrs. Interested bidder may send their query on mail (pm.aebas@gmail.com). Response against the queries will be communicated within 04 working days after pre bid date via email only. Corrigendum for any accepted recommendation for the pre-bid queries, will be published in Newspaper and Jharkhand e-Tender portal. There will be no physical meeting organized with vendor due to corona virus pandemic. Pre bid query must be submitted on or before 11.01.2021 mid night through email only. No query will be entertained otherwise.
6	Availability of Tender Document	05.01.2021 at 13:00 hrs
7	Start date of Bid Submission	20.01.2021 at 15:00 hrs.
8	Last date of Bid Submission	04.02.2021 at 18:00 hrs.
9	Date & Time of opening of Technical Bid	08.02.2021 at 16:00 hrs.
10	Date & Time of opening of Financial Bid	To be informed later
11	Date, Time & Address of Communication and submission of original bank guarantee/DD for EMD	08.02.2021 at 13:00 hrs, Director IT Cell, Room no. 343, Department of IT & e-Governance, 3rd Floor, Project Bhawan, Dhurwa, Ranchi – 834004
12	Telephone	0651 – 2401028
13	Contact Person	Vikas Prajapati
14	Email Address for submission of pre bid query.	pm.aebas@gmail.com

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And: The Tahsildar, Hosakote and another ... **Respondent**

GENERAL NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Whereas, the petitioners are filed this petition seeking the direction to the respondent for issuance of death certificate of **late Venkateshappa S/o Late Chittor Munishamappa** who died on **30-05-1992** at their Residence at Anupahali Village, Bendiganahalli Post, Hoskote Taluk and same is posted for appearance of interested parties on **03-02-2021** at 11.00 am in C. Misc. No. 180/2020. Before the above said court. Any interested parties are appearing in person/pleader, failing which the above case will be disposed as exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on 29-12-2020.

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1	**1) Mrs. Girija S** W/o V P Sathyanarayana No.14/8, 'Gurukrupa', Kadirenahalli, BSK 2nd Stage, Subramanyapura Post, Bangalore-560070 **Also at:** Vaderahalli, Venkatarayanadoddi Post, SathanurHobli, KanakapuraTaluk, Ramanagara PIN -562117 **2) Mr. Mohankumar S** S/o Siddegowda No.20, Kanaka Layout, 2nd Main, BSK 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070	All that piece and parcel of the Site demarcated as Site bearing No.217, formed out of Survey No.6, situated at Subramanyapura Village (Marasandra), UttarahalliHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore in the Layout formed by the Vendor kanaka Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sangha Niyamitha and measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 2400 sq. ft. Bounded By: East: Park, West: Road, North: Site No.218, South: Site No.216.	**Rs.1,02,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Two Lakhs Only) EMD: Rs.10,20,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only) before 04.02.2021 5.00 PM**	**Rs.27,50,843/-** (Rupees Twenty seven lakh fifty thousand eight hundred forty three only) as on **31.12.2020,** along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.	**05/02//2021 at 11.30 AM at TumkurVeerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd. Chamarajapete Branch Bangalore.**

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Date: 02.02.2021 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd,**

The seventh edition of the three-day Hakki Habba — a bird festival — is all set to kick off at the Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple (BRT) Tiger Reserve on Tuesday. The registration is limited to 50 due to the pandemic

BSY, YATNAL CLASH OVER SON, FUNDS AT MEETING WITH MLAs

State BJP lodges complaint with high command against Vijayapura MLA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister BS Yediyurappa, who is holding a series of meetings with party MLAs to take them into confidence, advised party MLA from Vijayapura Basavaraj Patil Yatnal not to make allegations that cause embarrassment to the party and government.

> You (Yatnal) give two different statements at Vijayapura and Bengaluru, causing damage to the party and government
>
> BS Yediyurappa, Chief Minister

During the meeting, Yatnal is said to have accused Yediyurappa's son Vijayendra of interfering in the government.

At the meeting, attended by other MLAs too, Yatnal reportedly told Yediyurappa that everything has to come through Vijayendra, sources said. He also said that as an MLA, he could talk to Yediyurappa directly about his grievances, and spoke about the need to take senior party leaders into confidence.

The Chief Minister reportedly told Yatnal not to make such allegations. "You (Yatnal) give two different statements at Vijayapura and Bengaluru, causing damage to the party and government," Yediyurappa said.

He also told Yatnal that nothing stops him from visiting Krishna or Cauvery.

When Yatnal alleged that grants were not given for his constituency, it irked the other MLAs, and Siddu Savadi and Kalakappa Bandi came to the CM's rescue.

Later, Yediyurappa explained that this year's financial status had been bad, with the State government struggling to provide funds for Covid care and flood victims. Funds were released for these two crises, and grants were not given for any MLA's constituency, he added.

This is not the first time that Yatnal is making controversial statements.

A few weeks ago, he had spoken on a change in guard and stated that Yediyurappa would not be chief minister for long, and that the party high command was looking for a replacement. After several BJP leaders demanded action against Yatnal, the state unit referred the issue to the central disciplinary committee.

On Monday, BJP State President Nalin Kumar Kateel told reporters that the party had complained against Yatnal.

BJP MLAs along with party state president Nalin Kumar Kateel wait to meet Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa in Bengaluru on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

MLAs seek ₹1,900 crore to Kalyana Karnataka Board

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"WE requested the CM to release the rest of the amount soon and to allocate ₹1,900 crore to KKRDB in this year's budget. We asked him to improve the Kalaburagi DCC Bank, which is running under loss for many years. We pointed out to him that the vacancies in different departments in Kalyana Karnataka region should be filled. We have also sought ₹100 crore as annual MLA grants for the development of our constituencies. We requested him for the completion of irrigation projects on time, and urged him to invite entrepreneurs to set up industries in the region, especially in Kalaburagi district," the Kalaburagi MLAs said.

BJP MLCs, however, were unhappy that the chief minister was meeting only the MLAs. "It looks like the chief minister wants to hear the grievances of only the MLAs as they are instrumental in making him the chief minister, while we don't have such powers. If he had called us, we would have also given our suggestions," said a BJP MLC, requesting anonymity.

Speaker to discuss ruckus in Council with experts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Assembly Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri on Monday said the December 15 incident in the state Legislative Council had dealt a blow to the democratic system, and everyone needs to introspect and take steps to ensure that such incidents do not recur.

On December 15, legislators of the ruling BJP and opposition Congress had pushed and shoved each other during heated arguments over a no-confidence motion against Council Chairman Prathapchandra Shetty. Deputy Chairman SL Dharmegowda was physically removed from the presiding officer's chair by Congress MLCs, and BJP members were accused of preventing chairman Shetty from entering the House.

Such incidents can take place in the assembly too, Kageri said, adding that there is a need to uphold the dignity of democratic institutions and ensure that such incidents do not recur. He said no one had expected such an incident in the Council, and many people, including the Lok Sabha Speaker, had expressed concern over it. The Speaker said people of the State had watched the developments in the Council, and the manner in which elected representatives conducted themselves.

The incident took place at a time when there is a debate on the need for legislative councils in the states, and the Karnataka Legislative Council model should work well, he said, adding that he will hold discussions with experts in parliamentary affairs, judiciary, executive and even the media.

Panel to probe ruckus

A five-member committee headed by deputy chairman of the Upper House Marithibbegowda was constituted to conduct a probe into the massive chaos in the Council last month. The committee will oversee the violation of House proceedings and also look into complaints by both the parties.

BATTLE-READY

Youth Cong to elect state chief online on Jan 12

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WITH the Indian Youth Congress getting ready to elect the state president and other office-bearers for its Karnataka chapter on January 12, a number of candidates have thrown their hats in the ring. The frontrunners are Mithun Rai from Dakshina Kannada, Mohammed Nalapad from Bengaluru, Raksha Ramaiah, H S Manjunath, Sandeep Naik, Mohammed Khalid and a lone woman contender, Bhavya.

The election is a low-key affair this time due to the Covid-19 pandemic, with voting to the posts going online, and a number of restrictions on campaigning. This is a change from the closely fought election in 2011 between Rizwan Arshad, now Shivajinagar MLA, and Chittapur MLA Priyank Kharge, for the post of state president. B V Sreenivas from Bengaluru is currently the national IYC president.

Congress leaders are keenly watching the elections, as many Youth Congress presidents have gone on to serve as ministers at the state and Centre. The who's who of the Congress have often emerged from the Youth Congress, with many hailing from political families. Party working president Eshwar Khandre said, "It is the vision of our leader Rahul Gandhi that we should hold direct elections and keep democracy alive. Candidates who participate in these elections will be given symbols. The voters are those who have joined the Youth Congress as members."

Nationally, the Youth Congress has completed presidential elections in a number of states, including Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana and Kerala. In Himachal Pradesh, there was no election, and the candidate who managed to enrol the highest number of members was made president. In Kerala, an MLA was made IYC president unanimously, as the Kerala chapter of the Congress decided it was one way of avoiding factionalism. In Karnataka, the YC president was usually nominated — Krishna Byre Gowda and Dinesh Gundu Rao are examples of this.

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> — Eshwar Khandre, KPCC working president

OTHER CONTENDERS

Sandeep Naik: A close relative of former Raichur MP BV Naik, and DCC president

Mohd Khalid: Was vice-president of the Davanagere YC party unit

Bhavya: Former general secretary and Youth Congress vice-president, from an ST community

Mithun Rai
Contested parliamentary elections from Dakshina Kannada and lost to BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel. He hails from the Bunt community

Mohammed Nalapad Haris
Was Youth Congress General Secretary in 2017 and is the party's social media coordinator

Raksha Ramaiah
Son of former Minister M R Seetharam. He was heading the Youth Congress social media team. He hails from the Balija community

H S Manjunath
Was NSUI Karnataka president and had contested against MLA Gopalaiah and lost. Manjunath hails from the Vokkaliga community

DIVISIONAL MEETS

BANTWAL	JAN 8
BENGALURU RURAL	JAN 8
HUBBALLI	JAN 11
KALABURAGI	JAN 18

Congress will become a cadre-based party: Saleem

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Mangaluru

CONGRESS will be transformed into a cadre-based party in the coming days to strengthen the Grand Old Party at the grassroots, KPCC working president Saleem Ahmed told the media on Monday.

He said that 25-member committees will be formed at the gram panchayat level by January 25 and will work under block committees. The booth level committees would work under the gram panchayat committees which would be representative of booths, genders, communities, and youth, he said. The committees will be trained on the party's ideology, he said.

The divisional level convention - called Sankalpa Samavesha - will be held to emphasise on strengthening the party organisation, create strategies to fight against the 'failures' of the Central and State governments, and bring the party back to power. The Mysuru divisional meet will be held at Bantwal on January 8, Bengaluru divisional meet in Bengaluru Rural on January 8, Belagavi divisional meet at Hubballi on January 11, and Kalaburgi divisional meet at Kalaburgi on January 18.

Gram Panchayat election results have been satisfactory as party-backed candidates have won in large numbers, he said.

'Govt responsible for Dharmegowda's death'

Saleem Ahmed blamed the ruling BJP for the alleged suicide of Legislative Council Deputy Chairman Dharmegowda. He alleged that Dharmegowda was forced to sit in the Council Chairman's seat, which was wrong. "The government is directly responsible for his death. What was the urgency to make the deputy chairman sit in that seat?" he asked. He also took objection to some ministers allegedly preventing Chairman Prathapchandra Shetty from occupying his chair.

KALABURAGI COP SUSPENDED OVER 3-YEAR-OLD'S DEATH

RAMAKRISHNA BADSESHI
@ Kalaburagi

PSI Manjunath Hugar of Jewargi police station was on Monday placed under suspension on charges of dereliction of duty, Kalaburagi SP Simi Mariyam George said. Hugar was suspended in connection with the Jainapur incident, in which a 3-year-old girl died on Saturday evening.

An inquiry was conducted by Additional SP Prasanna Desai, and Hugar was suspended based on his report.

The child's death led to irate villagers of Jainapur holding a dharna in front of GIMS Hospital on Sunday, led by Jewargi MLA Dr Ajay Singh, demanding the PSI's suspension. Police tried to pacify the agitators by transferring him to the District Crime Branch, but the villagers intensified their agitation, and the SP announced that action would be taken within 24 hours of receipt of the inquiry report.

According to sources, the postmortem report said there were no wounds on the body of the child, Bharati, and that she had died of hydrocephalus.

It started with a clash between the followers of Raju, who won Jainapur Gram Panchayat election, and Santosh, who lost. Both parties lodged complaints with Jewargi police.

Sources said that Hugar went to Santosh's house at noon on Friday and arrested the men allegedly involved in the attack. Bowing to pressure from the rival group backed by a former MLA, Hugar again went to Santosh's house at Friday midnight to arrest the women and a few minors.

Jewargi MLA Ajay Singh addresses the protesters on Sunday evening | EXPRESS

He arrested Santosh's brother's wife Sangeeta and some others for their alleged involvement in the clash. Sangeeta's son, aged six, was also named in the FIR. Though Sangeeta pleaded her innocence and requested that she be exempt, it is alleged that Hugar was adamant. While Sangeeta's son was sent to an observation home for juveniles, she was allowed to take her daughter to the police station, and later to jail. Police records do not mention any details of the child or her ill-health.

Sangeeta later told reporters that she and the others were beaten up by women police personnel, and her daughter too was injured in the melee. This could have caused her mental stress and led to her death, she claimed.

However, sources denied any lapse on the part of jail authorities. When Bharati developed complications on Saturday, she was rushed to GIMS Hospital in Kalaburagi, and died while under treatment, sources said.

POLITICAL TWIST

The issue took a political turn with the Congress leading the protest, while a former BJP MLA tried to influence police officials not to take action against Hugar.

Sources say that due to a lack of good BJP leadership, the Home Minister was not briefed till late night. Much later, Kalaburagi South MLA Dattatreya Patil Revoor briefed the minister on the tense situation, and so did former minister Dr Sharanprakash Patil. Following this, the minister instructed officers to announce that action would be taken. Only then was the strike withdrawn and the child's body taken for burial after midnight.

EXPRESS READ

BJP, DC match-fixing quota for panchayat posts, says Revanna

Hassan: Former Minister H D Revanna on Monday alleged that BJP leaders was forcing the deputy commissioner to fix reservation for the post of Gram Panchayat president and vice-president, as per their convenience. He told reporters that district BJP leaders are holding secret meetings with the deputy commissioner to discuss reservations. He said that JDS leaders will stage a protest if the officer acts at the behest of BJP leaders. Revanna said he would release audio conversations between the DC and BJP leaders, and release them at an appropriate time. Coming down heavily on the State Election Commission, Revanna said the State government should announce reservations to the posts prior to elections, and the State government is violating norms by fixing reservation after elections. ENS

Cong seeks 50 pc relief in property tax

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Congress held a protest on Monday against the various fees and cesses of the state government and the tax policy of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

Led by State party president D K Shivakumar, former general secretary B K Hariprasad, former minister R Ramalinga Reddy, MLA Soumya Reddy and others, the party members marched from the Mysuru Bank Circle to the BBMP headquarters, asking for 50 per cent relief in property tax due to the hardships that the people are facing in these Covid times.

Congress workers, led by KPCC president DK Shivakumar, attempt to enter the BBMP office | SHRIRAM BN

They also demanded that the government withdraw its proposal to collect Rs 200 from each house for garbage collection and roll back the road transport cess of 2 per cent.

The Congress urged the government to release Rs 3,000 crore that the government owes to contractors and which has not been paid for the past 24 months. They claimed that the building construction fee, which was three times higher compared to other cities, should also be withdrawn.

The leaders said that instead of burdening the people with taxes, the government should give financial assistance, especially to those who have lost a family member due to Covid-19 and even support those who had become invalids due to the pandemic.

The government should order an inquiry into irregularities in the purchase of Covid equipment, sanitizers and masks, they demanded.

GOOD WISHES

Modi calls DVS, wishes him recovery, gives health tips

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Monday called Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers D V Sadananda Gowda and wished him a speedy recovery. Gowda was admitted to a private hospital in Bengaluru on Sunday after he collapsed due to low blood sugar levels. His condition is said to be stable and he is likely to be released on Tuesday.

Taking to social media to thank the PM, Gowda said amidst his hectic schedule the PM called him to enquire about his health. "He didn't forget to give me some valuable health tips. Sir, your good wishes have made me still robust," Gowda stated after the PM called him. Sources close to the Union Minister said the PM called him in the afternoon and during the brief conversation of around two to three minutes, he advised Gowda to take rest.

CM BS Yediyurappa meets Union Minister D V Sadananda Gowda on Monday

Earlier in the day, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, Deputy Chief Ministers Laxman Savadi. Govind Karjol, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar and other ministers called on Sadananda Gowda.

Speaking to media persons after meeting Gowda, Bommai said the Union minister was doing well and he discussed various developments in the state and at the Centre for nearly 15 minutes.

While he was returning to Bengaluru after attending the BJP state unit core committee meeting in Shivamogga on Sunday, Sadananda Gowda had collapsed due to low blood sugar levels when he stopped for lunch in Chitradurga.

Two days after the carcass of a 20-year-old female elephant was found in the rivulet outside Bisle reserve forest in Sakleshpur, forest and police personnel have joined hands to trace and book the culprit. The elephant was shot in her neck more than a week ago.

Proud to be part of Phase III Covaxin trials: Prof Padma

Extraordinary times need extraordinary measures: New Nimhans chief

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

Prof M V Padma Srivastava

PROF M V Padma Srivastava, the newly appointed Director, National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences (Nimhans), is a volunteer in the Phase III of the clinical trial of Covaxin – country's first indigenous Covid-19 vaccine. It is being developed by Bharat Biotech in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research's (ICMR) National Institute of Virology, Pune.

Covaxin has run into controversy after experts and the Opposition have raised doubts over the restricted use approval given by the drug regulator despite no efficacy data from Phase III trials. However, the newly appointed Director of Nimhans said she was proud to be a part of the process. "These are unprecedented and extraordinary times, which call for extraordinary measures. Many a time we need to walk the tightrope of fine balancing the act of timelines and race against time. I felt proud to be a part of the Phase III trial of Covaxin being conducted at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in collaboration with the ICMR. It is a product by India, for India and of India," said Prof Padma in her first interview after being posted as Director, Nimhans.

She had volunteered and had already received both the shots of Covaxin. "Questions abound regarding the safety and efficacy of these vaccines. But to answer these very relevant questions we need to be a part of the process of evolution, which provides these answers," she said.

Prof Padma will assume office on February 1. "It is an honour to be appointed as Director of Nimhans, an apex institute in neurosciences in the country," she said. Earlier, she was the head of neurology, AIIMS.

She said that she is the first "outsider" to be occupying the Director's post. "I am not a product of Nimhans but I have been involved as a member of the Academic Committee and the Standing Selection Committee of the institute," she said.

BDA issues notice to IAS officer for ₹50 cr loss

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THE BDA has issued a show-cause notice to P Vasanth Kumar, Commissioner, Backward Classes Welfare Department, asking him to explain his role in handing over BDA land in posh areas to two individuals in 2015 when he worked as a senior officer there. The BDA alleged that it lost approximately Rs 50 crore because of the transaction.

A source said, "For 33 guntas of land in Madiwala which was handed over for forming BTM Layout, the two landowners were given compensation properties in HBR Layout, HRBR Layout, Koramangala and Banashankari in 2015. As these are prime areas, it cost Rs 15,000 per square feet."

BDA's notice follows an inquiry by its Special Task Force. The probe has been conducted since September 2020 on the directions of Commissioner H R Mahadev. The Task Force Superintendent has established the involvement of Kumar, who was Deputy Commissioner of Land Acquisitions (KAS officer then) at BDA in 2015.

A few documents, shared with *TNIE* by a source, showed that the BDA acquired one acre and 20 guntas of land in Madiwala, of which 33 guntas belonged to Ramaiah Reddy and Gullamma. "The land was acquired after issuing the preliminary as well as final notification to form BTM Layout in 1992. The two were given compensation land. But they were unhappy and approached the civil court for better monetary compensation. The court asked them to approach BDA only for redressal, but they managed to secure a higher compensation," the documents reveal.

When they approached Kumar, he moved the file to then Commissioner Sham Bhat. "The file bypassed various checks and it was obviously done because of some illegal gratification," the source said. "As Kumar has now been elevated to the IAS cadre, the matter has to be presented to the Chief Secretary," the source added.

PIL: Agency has no right if layouts handed to BBMP

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A PIL challenging the amendment to the BDA Act to regularise illegal buildings in layouts, already handed over to the BBMP, has been filed in the Karnataka High Court.

Hearing the petition, a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum issued notice to the Chief Secretary, Commissioner of BDA, Secretary, Department of Urban and Municipal Development, and others.

In his petition, Dr K B Vijayakumar, advocate, said that several layouts were handed over to BBMP after completion of their formation for maintenance and collection of appropriate taxes. Therefore, the BDA has no authority to regularise illegal buildings constructed without approval by a competent authority in such layouts, he claimed.Appealing to the court to strike down the BDA Act, the petitioner stated that if a owner had a site in a BDA layout before 2007-2008 or before the transfer of such layout to BBMP and intends to construct a building on the site, then the owner will have to approach the BBMP for sanction or approval of building plans, and not the BDA though the site was allotted by the latter.

Similarly, if the BDA now regularises a piece of land or site, then the power to sanction or approve the building plan automatically moves to the BBMP. Hence, the BDA does not have authority to regularise either illegal or encroached sites.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

(e-Procurement Mode only)

KPTCL, invites E-Tenders in the prescribed form from Super Grade Licensed Electrical Contractor for the following works pertaining to Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Davangere

I) No.SEE/EE/Tr/W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-2/F-114/20-21/Cys-61 Date : 02.01.2021

1) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-2/20-21/781 Call-2, Dated: 02.01.2021. **For Replacement of 1x6.3 MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer by 1x20MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer at 66/11kV Station, Chikkajajuru in Holalkere Taluk, Chitradurga District on Partial Turnkey Basis Excluding the material/equipment supplied by KPTCL.**

2) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-2/20-21/786, Dated: 19.11.2020. **For Replacement of 1x12.5 MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer by 1x20MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer at 66/11kV Station, Holalkere in Chitradurga District on Partial Turnkey Basis Excluding the material/equipment supplied by KPTCL.**

II) No.SEE/EE/Tr/W&M/DVG/F-Tender File/20-21/Cys-62 Date : 04.01.2021

1) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-1/2020-21/678 Call-3, Dated: 27.11.2020. **For Dismantling, Transportation (To & Fro), Repair of faulty Power Transformer, Testing, Assembling, Erection and Commissioning of Repaired faulty Power Transformer of rating 100 MVA, 220/66/11kV, BHEL make, Sl.No. 2005376 Year of Manufacture 1989 lying at 220/66/11kV Honnali Station on Total Turn Key Basis.**

2) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-1/2020-21/736 Call-3, Dated: 25.11.2020. **For Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 02 Nos of 420kV, 2000A, HCB Isolators at 400 kV Receiving Station, Guttur on Partial Trunkey Basis.**

III) No.SEE/EE/Tr/W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-2/F-114/20-21/Cys-65 Date : 04.01.2021

1) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-2/20-21/803 Call-2, Dated: 04.01.2021. **For Providing New (1+4) additional 11kV PCVCB Swithcgears for 66/11kV Station Holalkere in Holalkere Taluk, Chitradurga District in Transmission (W&M) Circle, Davanagere.**

E-Tenders are invited in the prescribed form from Reputed Manpower Agency for the following works.

IV) No.SEE/EE/Tr/W&M/DVG/F-Tender File/20-21/Cys-63 Date : 04.01.2021

1) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-1/20-21/796, Dated: 17.12.2020. **For Outsourcing the services of Six Nos. of Office Attendants on contract basis to the various offices under Transmission Circle, KPTCL, Davanagere.**

V) No.SEE/Tr/W&M/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-2/F-114/20-21/Cys-64 Date : 04.01.2021

1) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-2/20-21/805, Dated: 28.12.2020. **For Providing Security Services to 400 kV GIS Station Hiremallanahole (Jagalur) - 8 Nos of Security Guards. 2)** Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-2/20-21/806, Dated: 28.12.2020. **For Providing Security Services to MW/TL&SS Divisional Stores, KPTCL, Davanagere - 6 Nos of Security Guards. 3)** Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-2/20-21/807, Dated: 28.12.2020. **For Providing Security Services to 400kV Station Guttur - 8 Nos of Security Guards. 4)** Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-2/20-21/808, Dated: 28.12.2020. **For Providing Security Services to 220kV Station Davanagere - 3 Nos of Security Guards. 5**) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-2/20-21/809, Dated: 28.12.2020. **For Providing Security Services to 220kV Station Honnali - 3 Nos of Security Guards. 6**) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-2/20-21/810, Dated: 28.12.2020. **For Providing Security Services to 220kV Station Chitradurga - 3 Nos of Security Guards. 7**) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-2/20-21/811, Dated: 28.12.2020. **For Providing Security Services to 220kV Station Hiriyur - 3 Nos of Security Guards. 8**) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-2/20-21/812, Dated: 28.12.2020. **For Providing Security Services to 220kV Station Thallak - 3 Nos of Security Guards. 9**) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-2/20-21/813, Dated: 28.12.2020. **For Providing Security Services to The Office of the Superintending Engineer Ele., Transmission (W&M) Circle, Davanagere - 3 Nos of Security Guards.**

Tenders will be accepted through **e-Procurement Mode** only. For further details, prospective Bidders are advised to log on to website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or **https://www.kptcl.com** & Click on the Hyperlink **'e-Procurement-kptcl'** to participate in e-Procurement **on or after 05.01.2021.** Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer (Ele),**
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Near Stadium, Hadadi Road, Davanagere. Phone: 08192-250774

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WORKS DEPARTMENT

E-mail : ceworldbankprojects@gmail.com

1st corrigendum to Bid Identification No. CE-W.B.P. (O) - 17 / 2020 - 21

B-588: The last date of receipt of tender invited for the works Construction of H.L. Bridge over Atharanalla on (Jajpur Bypass road) in the District of Jajpur for the year 2020-21 vide Bid Identification No. CE-WBP (O) - 17 / 2020 - 21 is hereby extended upto 5.00 PM of 08.01.2021 and will be opened on 11.30 AM of 11.01.2021.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Sd/- Chief Engineer
World Bank Project, Odisha

OIPR 34003/11/0026/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned advocate on behalf my clients **1) Smt. Munirathnamma .B R/at No.E6, T.C.H. Collage Road, Arebik Collage Post, Nagavara, Bangalore North Taluk 2) Smt. Manjula R/at :- Kolavanahalli Village, Nandi Hobli, Chikkaballapur Taluk and Dist 3) Smt. Shilpa R/at Nakkanahalli Village, Nandi Hobli, Chikkaballapur Taluk and Dist,** they have filed petition for death certificate of Petitioner's Father Namely **Basavaraju S/o Late Muthylappa was died on 20-5-1995** at petitioner's father Residence of Meenukunte Hosur Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, If any dispute regarding the same can appear before the Additional Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli and date of hearing **on 16-1-2021 at 11.00 am** in C.Mis. No. 271/2020.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby intimated that my client **Mr. IVOR MONSURATE,** S/o. (Late) P.S. Monsurate, sole proprietor of Silver Star Industries, Managing Director of Silver Star Construction (India) Pvt Ltd., is the absolute owner in possession of movable assets, and immovable property in Hosur Taluk, Mysore District, Ooty District, and in Bangalore City. HDFC Bank account with Horamavu Branch, Bangalore, that his son **Mr. KING MONSURATE,** along with others, are trying to meddle with the assets, immovable property, of my client and bringing brokers, agents, dealers, who are attempting to interfere or purchase, or create encumbrances, and attempting to lease and handover possession, and my client shall not be responsible for any acts which are being done by his son, without lawful authority

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)–No.CPRIBLR21NIT01
Date:05/01/2021

CPRI invites sealed Expression of Interest (EOI) from well established, reputed and experienced firms/companies for "**Supply of Short Circuit Bus Bar System for Augmentation of High Power Laboratory**". The EOI document containing the detailed specifications of supply, drawings, prequalification criteria can be downloaded from the CPRI website (**www.cpri.in**) from **05-01-2021** onwards. The sealed bids/proposals in accordance with instructions of EOI document must reach the "Purchase Authority, CPRI, Bengaluru" on or before **27/01/2021**.

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Office Of The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department Division, Chitradurga

No.EE:PWDC:AE-1:Tender-86:2020-21/616 Date: 30.12.2020

e-Tender Notice

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Public Works, Ports and Inland Water Transport Department, Division Chitradurga, invites tenders in two cover system, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000 subject to Standard Tender Document Rules through e-procurement portal from eligible contractors registered in PWD for works mentioned below. Eligible contractors may participate in the tender by obtaining the details through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam

Details of Work:- Through e-procurement – Two Cover System:- Head of Account 4059-80-051-0-29-386 Department Buildings (Plan) – Appendix – E :- (1) Construction of Chitradurga Local Audit Circle Office Building . Approx. Amount:- 100.00 lakhs.

Tender dates for Works are as below: Last date for enquiries/ obtaining information regarding the tender: 18.01.2021, 17.30 hrs. Last date and time for submission of tender: 19.01.2021, 16.00 hrs. Date and time of opening technical bid: 20.01.2021, 16.01 hrs. Date and time of opening financial bid: 22.01.2021, 11.00 hrs. Further details can be obtained from the Office (Ph. No.: 08194-222446) and H.P. Company's Helpline No.: 080-25501216 an 080 25501227.

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Sd/- Executive Engineer

DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND SPORTS

State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru - 560 001
Ph: 080-22215601, 22211246, Fax: 080-22215602

No: DYES/SCSP-TSP/57/2020-21 Date: 04-01-2021

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

According to Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports is inviting tender for Procurement for the Supply of Sports Kit to Gym / Fitness Training Camp Karnataka under SCSP/TSP Scheme for the year 2020-21.

Sl.No.	Particulars	Tender Amount	EMD Amount
1	Procurement for the Supply of Sports Kit to Gym / Fitness Training Camp.	Rs. 11,50,000.00	Rs. 28,750.00

The Tender should be submitted through e-Procurement Portal: **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Vendors need to register in the e-Procurement Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the e-Procurement Portal.

1) Last Date and Time for Submission of Tender Documents through E-Procurement Portal: **11-01-2021, Time: 16.00 Hrs.**
2) Opening of Technical Bid: **12-01-2021, Time: 16.30 Hrs.**
3) Opening of Financial Bid: **Will be intimated.**

Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.

Sd/- Deputy Director (Admin) and
Tender Inviting Authority
Dept. of Youth Empowerment and Sports

DIPR/DDU/Adverto/2276/2020-21

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e-Tender Notice

Tender No : SE/PHC/MPM/83/2020-21. JJM-2020-21-Wss to Cheekode and adjoining Villages - Supply, laying, testing and Commissioning of balance distribution with providing F H T C in Kuzhimanna GP of Malppuram district. EMD : Rs. 5,00,000/-. Tender fee : Rs. 17,700/-. Last Date for submitting Tender : 25-01-2021 03:00:pm. Phone : 0483-2734871. Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.**

KWA-JB-GL-6-760-2020-21

Superintending Engineer
PH Circle, Malappuram

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD

(A Government of India Undertaking)

E-Tender Notice No: CO-M-LHB-E36947-TN Dated 05.01.2021

Konkan Railway Corporation Limited invites Open Tender electronically through website **www.ireps.gov.in** for the following work : **Transportation of LHB FIAT Bogies by road with suitable securing/ security arrangement from Madgaon, Goa to Mysuru Railway workshop and back for one year. Estimated Cost:** Rs. 51.82 Lakhs Exclusive of GST, **EMD:** Rs.1,03,700/- **Cost of Tender form :** Rs. 5,900/- Inclusive of GST@18% (Not Refundable and not Transferable), **Last Date & Time of Submitting Tender in Website :** 27.01.2021 up to 15:00 Hrs, **Date & Time of Opening Tender :** 15:30 hrs. on 27.01.2021. Other details may be viewed on the website **www.ireps.gov.in**

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕುರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಉಣ್ಣೆ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ

"ಕುರಿ ಭವನ", ಪಶುವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಕಾಲೇಜು ಆವರಣ, ಹೆಬ್ಬಾಳ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560024, ದೂರವಾಣಿ:080-23414295, 23413294, ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್: 080-23413294, ಇಮೇಲ್ : kswdcl@gmail.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕಕುಉಅನಿನಿ/ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ/:ಟೆಂಡರ್/2020-21 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 04.01.2021

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನೋಟಿಫಿಕೇಷನ್

("ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್" ಮೂಲಕ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕುರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಉಣ್ಣೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಕಛೇರಿಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಗಳಿಗೆ ಮಾನವ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲವನ್ನು ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿದೆ ಸೇವೆಯ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಇ-ಪೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರುದಾರರು ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲ ವಿಳಾಸ :https://proc.karnataka.gov.in ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕುರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಉಣ್ಣೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ, ಕುರಿಭವನ, ಪಶುವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಕಾಲೇಜು ಆವರಣ, ಹೆಬ್ಬಾಳ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560024 ಇವರಿಂದ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಪೂರ್ಣ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಯನ್ನು ಮೇಲಿನ ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲ ವಿಳಾಸದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ:04.01.2021ರಿಂದ ವೀಕ್ಷಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಟೆಂಡರುದಾರರು ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆಯಿರುವ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು e-procurement Platform ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 03.02.2021 ರವರಿಗೆ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Tender No: KSWDCL:Out Sourcing:Tender:2021-22 & 2022-23

Date of Notification	04.01.2021
Commencement of Downloading of e-Tender (website-https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)	04.01.2021
Last Date for Queries on or before (only on e-portal)	12.01.2021 5.30 PM
Pre-Bid Meeting	15.01.2021, 11.30AM
Probable date for uploading replies to queries	18.01.2021
Last Date for Uploading of Tender in e-procurement platform on or before	03.02.2021 5.30 PM
Date of Opening of Technical Bids in the e-portal.	05.02.2021, 11.30 AM

ಸಹಿ/–
ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಹಾಗೂ ಉಪ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು
ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸುವ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಬೆಂ.ಸ/ಶಿರಡಿ ಸಾಯಿ/2281/2020–21

ಕೋವಿಡ್-19. ಆತಂಕ ಬೇಡ; ಮುನ್ನೆಚ್ಚರಿಕೆ ಇರಲಿ.

ಮಾಸ್ಕ್ ಧರಿಸಿ | 6 ಅಡಿ ದೈಹಿಕ ಅಂತರ ಪಾಲಿಸಿ | ಕೈಗಳ ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತೆ ಕಾಪಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಿ

ಪದವಿ ಪೂರ್ವ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ

ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಕಛೇರಿ :
18ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡರಸ್ತೆ, ಸಂಪಿಗೆ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು - 560 012.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಪಪೂಶಿ/ಇ-ಆಡಳಿತ/ಟ್ಯಾಲ್ಪ್-04/2019-20 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 28-12-2020

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಪದವಿ ಪೂರ್ವ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಸರಕಾರಿ ಪದವಿ ಪೂರ್ವ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳಿಗೆ 1350 ಆಲ್-ಇನ್-ಒನ್ ಗಣಕಯಂತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಪೂರೈಸಲು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ : https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 16-01-2021 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 05.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ವಾಸಾಇ/ಬೆಂ.ಸ./2258/ಮಂಡಪಾಲ್/2020-21

ಸಹಿ/- ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು
ಪದವಿ ಪೂರ್ವ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ

ಕೋವಿಡ್-19. ಆತಂಕ ಬೇಡ; ಮುನ್ನೆಚ್ಚರಿಕೆ ಇರಲಿ.

ಮಾಸ್ಕ್ ಧರಿಸಿ | 6 ಅಡಿ ದೈಹಿಕ ಅಂತರ ಪಾಲಿಸಿ | ಕೈಗಳ ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತೆ ಕಾಪಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಿ

KARNATAKA VIDYUTH KARKHANE LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
P. B. No. 2610, Mysuru Road, Bengaluru- 560 026
Ph: 080-26749045, 26987200, 26748274

KAVIKA/DM-P/2020-21 Date: 04.01.2021

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender through e-Procurement portal mode are invited for the following:

(1) Core Assembly for 25 KVA 4 Star (CRGO Core based) Category Transformers. **(2)** Tank Assembly for 25 KVA 4 Star Category Transformers.

The detailed notification/specification can be obtained by logging on to e-Procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **05.01.2021** as well as the process of participation/ EMD/Tender fees etc.

Sd/- DM-Purchase

AN ISO: 9001-2008 Company
Manufacturers of Star Rated Transformers

To abide by the Constitution and respect its ideals and institutions, the National Flag and National Anthem.

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD

3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G.Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

Short Term Tender Notification (Through E-Procurement portal)

Karnataka Housing Board invite tenders through E-procurement from the eligible contractors who are empanelled in Karnataka Housing Board & also willing to empanel in KHB.

Name of work – proposed construction of office building for Assistant Director, Town & Country Planning at Hassan in Hassan District.

- Tender reference Number : **KHB/2020-21/BD/WORK INDENT 771/&IFT No.08/2020-21/Date: 23.12.2020.**
- Amount put to tender – **Rs.97,03,527.00**
- Bid security amount – **Rs.2,50,000.00**
- Last date for submission of bid - **16.01.2021 up to 4.00 PM**

For further information, contact below mentioned office address:
Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru
Phone No. 080-22213511 / 080-22100077
web site : https://khb.karnataka.gov.in, https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ

ಸಂ: 44/2020–2021 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 02.01.2021

ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ವಿವಿಧ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಐಟಂವಾರು ದರದ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಕೆಳಗೆ ಕಾಣಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ **KW-1,2 & 3** ರ ರೀತಿ ಒಂದು/ಎರಡು ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.01.2021** ರಿಂದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15.01.2021 ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ,** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15.01.2021 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ,** ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16.01.2021 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆ** ನಂತರ. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18.01.2021 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ಅಥವಾ ನಂತರದ ಕೆಲಸದ ದಿನಗಳು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ಬೆಲೆ ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ರಂತೆ ಕಾಲಮಿತಿ: ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಸೇರಿ 2/3 ತಿಂಗಳು ಒಟ್ಟು 18 (ಹದಿನೆಂಟು) ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಪೈಕಿ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ **ರೂ.96.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು** ಕನಿಷ್ಠ **ರೂ.6.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು** ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಬೆಲೆ ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ರಂತೆ ಕೆಲಸಗಳ ವಿವರ, ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ ಮುಂತಾದ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸದರಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಮುಂದಿನ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳು ಅಥವಾ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳು ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರವೇ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಚುರಪಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಮಂಡ್ಯ/ಶಿರಡಿ ಸಾಯಿ/585/2020–21

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
ತೋ.ಇ., ಮಂಡ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ

ಕೋವಿಡ್-19. ಆತಂಕ ಬೇಡ; ಮುನ್ನೆಚ್ಚರಿಕೆ ಇರಲಿ.

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Department of Mines & Geology

Office of the Senior Geologist,
Dept of Mines & Geology (Mineral), 13th floor, V.V. Tower,
Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore Urban District, Bangalore-560001.
Phone & Fax: 080-22861516 E-Mail seniorgeologistbu1@gmail.com

No.: DMG/BU/DroneSurvey-01/2020-21 Date:04.01.2021

e – Tender Invitation

Inviting Competitive Bid for providing service for conducting Drone and DGPS survey of Building Stone Quarry leased/ licensed area and any quarry area identified by the officers of DMG to carry out Boundary fixation and Volume assessment of Mineral Extracted within and outside the quarry area and to record the reduced level of quarry lease with in the Bengaluru Urban District.

(1) Date of downloading the tender documents and other relevant details from the e-procurement portal: **04.01.2021. (2) Venue and Address of the Pre-Bid meeting: Date: 15.01.2021 at 11.00 am.** Office of the Senior Geologist, Dept of Mines & Geology (Mineral), 13th floor, V.V. Tower, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru Urban District, Bengaluru-560001. **(3)** Last Date for submission of e-Tender : **20.01.2021 up to 5.30 pm. (4)** Date and time of opening the technical Bid : **22.01.2021 at 11.30 am. (5)** Earnest money deposit (EMD) : **Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees. Two lakhs only).**

Tender documents may be downloading from e-procurement portal address **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**, For more details contact Office of the Senior Geologist, Telephone No: 080-22861516. The Corrigendum/Addendum, if any; will be displayed in the electronic procurement platform website : **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Senior Geologist and member secretary, District task force committee, Bangalore Urban District

Anand Rathi Global Finance Limited

CIN No. U67190MH1982PLC140380

Registered Office : Express Zone, A Wing, 10th Floor, Western Express Highway, Goregaon (East), Mumbai - 400063. Maharashtra. Tel. : +91 22 6281 7002 **Corporate Office :** Express Zone, A Wing, 8th Floor, Western Express Highway, Goregaon (East), Mumbai 400063. Maharashtra. Tel. : +91 22 6281 7003. **Website :** www.rathi.com

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of the Anand Rathi Global Finance Limited, under the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notice dated 25th September, 2020 under Section 13 sub-section 2 of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 calling upon the **Borrower viz. Aryan Hometec Private Limited** (Through Directors Mr.Bharat Sarakki Govindareddy, Ms. Rashmi Surendrareddy, Ms. Rajanna) **& Guarantors i.e. Mr.Bharat Sarakki Govindareddy, Ms. Rashmi Surendrareddy, Mr. B. G. Anjanappa, Mrs. Hemalatha & Mr. Krishna Reddy to repay the amount mentioned in the Demand Notice dated 25th September, 2020 being Rs.18,82,09,895.48/- (Rupees Eighteen Crores Eighty Two Lakhs Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Five Forty Eight Paise Only)** as on 19th September, 2020 together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate of interest together with costs and charges and other monies payable (if any) from 20th September, 2020 onwards, till the date of payment and/or realization by ARGFL within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The details are as follows:

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number of the Borrower	Name of the Borrower	Name of the Guarantor's	Description of the Secured Asset	Amount Demanded In INR	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
1.	**ARGFL/ CF/011**	**Aryan Hometec Private Limited** (Through Directors Mr.Bharat Sarakki Govindareddy , Ms. Rashmi Surendrareddy, Ms. Rajanna) Door No.87, 3rd Main, Dollors Colony, J.P. Nagar, 4th Phase Bengaluru -560 078, Karnataka	**1. Mr.Bharat Sarakki Govindareddy 2. Ms. Rashmi Surendrareddy 3. Mr. B. G. Anjanappa 4. Mrs. Hemalatha 5. Mr. Krishna Reddy**	As given in description of secured asset below (Schedule-I & II)	**Rs. 18,82,09,895.48/-**	**25-Sep-2020**	**04th January 2021**

The Borrower and Guarantors having failed to repay the amount due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower mentioned hereinabove in particular and public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred upon him/her under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **4th day of January of the year 2021.**

The Borrower and Guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Anand Rathi Global Finance Limited for an amount of **Rs.18,82,09,895.48/- (Rupees Eighteen Crores Eighty Two Lakhs Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Five Forty Eight Paise Only) as on 19th September, 2020** together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate of interest together with costs and charges and other monies payable (if any) from 20th September, 2020 onwards, till the date of payment and/or realization by ARGFL. The Borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act in respect of the time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET SCHEDULE "I"
PROPERTY CONSTITUTING THE PROJECT "GOLDEN ARENA PHASE - I"

Immovable properties aggregately admeasuring 2,63,625 (Two lakh sixty three thousand six hundred and twenty five) square feet at survey no. 319/2, 320, 321 and 291/1, Bidaraguppe Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru — 562125 together with all construction thereon, both present and future including the interest of the Borrower in the Immovable Property.

1. **DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:** Survey no. 319/2 measuring 29 Guntas and survey no. 320 measuring 7 Guntas total measuring 36 Guntas converted from agriculture to non-agriculture purpose vide Order No.ALN.AA.SR:293/2011-12 dated July 31, 2012 situated at Bidaraguppe village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluka, Bengaluru. **BOUNDARIES: East:**Property in survey no. 320, **North:** Road, **West:** Property in same survey no.319/2, **South:** Property in survey no. 318.
2. **DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:** Survey no. 320 measuring 1 Acre converted from agriculture to non-agriculture purpose vide Order No.ALN.AA.SR:361/2012-13 dated 20.3.2013 situated at Bidaraguppe village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru. **BOUNDARIES: East:**Property in survey no. 321, **North:** Road, **West:** Property in same survey no. 320 and survey no. 318, **South:** Property in same survey no. 320.
3. **DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:** Survey no. 321 measuring 26.08 Guntas converted from agriculture to non-agriculture purpose vide Order No.ALN.AA. SR:158/2011-12 dated 24.11.2011 situated at Bidaraguppe village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru. **BOUNDARIES: East:**Property in same survey no. 321, **North:** Property in same survey no. 321, **West:** Property in survey no. 320, **South:** Property belonging to Anjanappa in survey no. 291/1.
4. **DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:** Survey no. 321 measuring 10 Guntas converted from agriculture to non-agriculture purpose vide Order No.ALN.AA.SR:157/2011-12 dated 30.7.2012 Situated at Bidaraguppe village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru. **BOUNDARIES: East:** Remaining land of survey no.321, **North:** Property in same survey no. 321, **West:** Property in survey no. 320, **South:** Property in survey no. 321.
5. **DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:** Survey no. 321 measuring 30 Guntas converted from agriculture to non-agriculture purpose vide Order No.ALN.AA.SR:291/2011-12 dated 30.7.2012 situated at Bidaraguppe village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru. **BOUNDARIES: East:** Property in same survey no. 321, **North:**Road, **West:** Property in survey no. 320, **South:** Property belonging to Anjanappa in survey no. 321.
6. **DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:** Survey no. 291/1 measuring 1 Acre converted from agriculture to non agriculture purpose vide Order No.ALN.AA.SR:292/2011-12 dated 30.7.2012 situated at Bidaraguppe village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru. **BOUNDARIES: East:** Property belonging to Anjanappa in survey no. 291/1, **North:** Property in survey no. 320, **West:** Property in same survey no.291/1, **South:**Road.
7. **DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:** Sy.No.320 measuring 20 Guntas converted from agriculture to non-agriculture purpose vide Order No.ALN.AA.SR:361/2011-12 dated 20.3.2013 situated at Bidaraguppe village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru. **BOUNDARIES: East:** Property in survey no. 321, **North:** Property in same survey no. 320, **West:** Property in survey no. 318, **South:** Property to belonging to Hemalatha in survey no. 291/1.
8. **DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:** Survey no. 291/1 measuring 1 Acre converted from agriculture to non-agriculture purpose vide Order No.ALN.AA.SR:367/2012-13 dated 27.03.2013 situated at Bidaraguppe village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru. **BOUNDARIES: East:** Road, **North:** Land belonging to B.G. Anjanappa and Peddamma, **West:** Property in same survey no. 291/1 belonging to Smt. Hemalatha, **South:**Road.

SCHEDULE "II" PROPERTY CONSTITUTING THE PROJECT "ARTHA ZEN"

(Part A)	(Part B)	(Part C)
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing converted for residential vide conversion order dated 18/10/2008 bearing nos. ALN/S.R. (S) 148/2006-07 issued by special deputy commissioner, bearing New Survey no. 150 (old sy no 20 re-s-y 20/11), BBMP katha no.3/150/3 measuring 4 acer 30 gunthas, situated at Kammahalli, village Begur Hobli, Banglore south Taluk, within the revenue jurisdiction of Bbmp, Banglore in the project called "ARTHA ZEN" and bounded on, **North by** Remaining property of old sy. No. 20, **South by** Remaining property of old sy. No. 20, **East By** Border of Elenahalli Village, **West By** Sy. No. 37/2.	All that piece and parcel of the residential Plot bearing No. 43 having B.B.M.P. Khata No.3/56, 3/150/43 being residential lands, measuring East to West 40 Feet, North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 1200 sq.ft. in the schedule 'A' property situated at Kammanahalli Village, Begur, Hobli, Banglore South Taluk, within the revenue jurisdiction of BBMP, Begur, bearing Ward No. 192 bounded on that: **East by** Plot No.40 & 41; **West by** Road, **North by** Plot No. 42, **South by** Plot No. 44.	All that piece and parcel of the residential Plot bearing No. 44 having B.B.M.P. Khata No. 3/57, 3/150/44 being residential lands residential lands, measuring East to West 40 Feet, North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 1200 sq.ft. in the schedule 'A' Property situated at Kammanahalli Village, Begur, Hobli, Bangalore South taluk, within the revenue jurisdiction of BBMP, Begur, bearing Ward No. 192 bounded on that: **East by** Plot No.40, **West by** Road, **North by** Plot No. 43, **South by** Plot No. 45.

SCHEDULE "II" PROPERTY CONSTITUTING THE PROJECT "ARTHA ZEN"

(Part D)	(Part E)	(Part F)
All that piece and parcel of the residential Plot bearing No. 45 having B.B.M.P. Khata No.3/58, 3/150/45 being residential lands residential lands, measuring East to West 40 Feet, North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 1200 sq.ft. in the schedule 'A' Property situated at Kammanahalli Village, Begur, Hobli, Bangalore South taluk, within the revenue jurisdiction of BBMP, Begur, bearing Ward No. 192 bounded on that: **East by** Plot No.39, **West by** Road, **North by** Plot No. 44, **South by** Plot No. 46.	All that piece and parcel of the residential Plot bearing No. 46 having B.B.M.P. Khata No.3/59, 3/150/46 being residential lands residential lands, measuring East to West 40 Feet, North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 1200 sq.ft. in the schedule 'A' Property situated at Kammanahalli Village, Begur, Hobli, Bangalore South taluk

The Andhra Pradesh government on Monday ordered a CID probe into vandalisation of Rama idol in the ancient Ramatheertham temple and Subrahmanyeswara idol in Vinayaka temple in Rajamahendravaram.

Kerala avian flu: 46K birds to be culled in state

Over 25,000 ducks died due to the disease

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Alappuzha/T'Puram

THE Animal Husbandry Department (AHD) will begin mass culling of birds in the Kuttanad region, after avian flu virus was found in the ducks that died in large numbers last week. Although flu is reported in ducks, broiler chicken business will be affected more. The test samples at the National Institute of High-Security Animal Diseases in Bhopal identified the presence of H5N8 strain of the virus.

Minister for Forests, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Zoos, K Raju, said the situation is under control and there is no need to panic. "The loss incurred by the poultry farmers due to the mass culling will be compensated by the state government," he added.

More than 25,000 ducks died due to the disease at Nedumudi, Pallippad, Thakazhi and Karuvatta in Alappuzha and Neendoor in Kottayam. On an average, Kerala consumes 6-7 lakh tonnes ducks and 25-30 lakh tonnes of chicken daily.

The AHD has opened control rooms in the district veterinary offices. Chief veterinary officers will oversee the culling of poultry and ornamental birds.

ABOUT THE FLU

Virus type: H5N8

Affected areas: Thalavadi, Thakazhi, Pallipadu, Karuvatta (all in Alappuzha) and Neendur (in Kottayam)

25-30 L tonne
ducks consumed daily

"The department will cull around 46,000 birds within a one-kilometre radius from the epicentre of the infection as per the bird flu management protocol," AHD additional secretary Dr Hari Kumar told *TNIE*. Farmers will not be allowed to trade the birds in a 10-km radius from the infected area until further notice. AHD Alappuzha District Officer Santhoshkumar T K said the virus identified in the state is not very dangerous.

TN allows 100% seating in theatres before Pongal

OMJASVIN MD, BHUVANESH CHANDAR @ Chennai

NEARLY 10 months after the sombre mood set in, thanks to the lockdown that followed, theatres in the State have now been opened in full capacity for the general public. The relaxation in seating capacity, announced on Monday, comes after requests were made by the Tamil Nadu Theatre Owners' Association to the State government, with later reports suggesting that actor Vijay had met with CM Edappadi K Palaniswami, regarding the same.

Vijay's upcoming film, Master, is slated for a theatrical release on January 13. The official order by the government stated, "In order to create awareness among the spectators, precautionary measures for Covid-19 shall be screened during the showtime." Additionally, the order demanded for a strict enforcement of standard Covid protocols, such as usage of face masks and sanitisers, inside the theatres.

While several people in the film fraternity have welcomed the move, it has also drawn flak from public health experts, who opined that it might lead to a surge in Covid cases. Producer G Dhananjayan said: "We have been working towards this for a long time now; the industry should thank Vijay for being the catalyst. When political rallies are allowed to happen with thousands of people in attendance, what's wrong in opening a theatre, that can host only a fraction of that number?"

FESTIVAL FREEBIES

Thousands gather outside a ration shop in Coimbatore after Tamil Nadu government announced free Pongal package of ₹2500 cash with other gift items | RAJA CHIDAMBARAM

Decision on resumption of arjitha sevas after winter, says TTD officer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Tirumala

TIRUMALA Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Executive Officer Dr K S Jawahar Reddy on Monday said they will take a decision on resuming arjitha sevas after the winter season.

Briefing media after the successfully providing Uttara Dwara darshan of Lord Venkateswara for 10 days for the first time in the known history of the temple, the EO along with Additional EO AV Dharma Reddy said after assessing the situation post winter, they will resume arjitha sevas. In the next two months, the Covid-19 vaccination might also be conducted and with majority of the people getting vaccinated, we can take a decision on resuming the sevas.

6 UK returnees found with new Covid-19 strain

T'Puram: Six people who returned to Kerala from United Kingdom have tested positive for the new Covid-19 variant. Health Minister KK Shailaja confirmed that all the infected people are under hospital isolation. All their contacts are also under surveillance, she added.

Till winter, the ongoing restricted entry of devotees to Tirumala will continue in view of Covid-19 regulations.

The TTD, however, had decided to open the Papavinasanam route from Tuesday onwards following requests from pilgrims, Jawahar Reddy said. The Papavinasanam route was closed in March owing to COVID pandemic.

With this decision, devotees can visit various sacred and ancient places at Tirumala including Srivari Padalau, natural rock arch Shila Thoranam along with Akasha Ganga waterfalls.

Former teacher arrested in honeytrap case

ENS @Bengaluru

THE Indiranagar police arrested a former teacher for befriending men on matrimonial site and later filing fake rape cases against them when they refused to give her money. The accused, Kavita C S, earlier worked as a teacher at a government school in Chikkamagaluru. She was booked for allegedly assaulting the school headmaster.

Police said on December 31, Kavita filed a rape case against Sebastian (name changed). They met at his house after meeting on a matrimonial site. Sebastian recorded their private moments and Kavita threatened to file a case against him if he did not give his gold chain and cash to her. Sebastian did not budge and Kavita went to the police. "He denied the charges. He said Kavita had asked for ₹5 lakh and he agreed to pay ₹2 lakh," the police said.

Sebastian then filed a counter complaint. Police said they found Kavita had filed two such cases in city police stations.

FOREST, POLICE OFFICIALS HUNT FOR ELEPHANT KILLER

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

TWO days after the carcass of a 20-year-old female elephant was found in the rivulet outside Bisle reserve forest in Sakleshpur, the forest and police departments have joined hands to trace and book the culprit. The elephant was shot at her neck over a week ago.

After registering a case under the Wildlife Protection Act and the Arms Act, the two departments are checking not only in Hassan district but also in Kodagu borders, from where the elephants usually travel to Sakleshpur.

The carcass was found in the rivulet near private lands, around 5km from the forest. Hassan division houses over 50 elephants, which are moving in herds of various sizes. Forest officials have now been deployed to keep a close watch on the problematic and large herds in sensitive areas.

According to preliminary information, the elephant was shot at over a week ago and was moving around in pain, with her herd. Two days back, she was found dead in the rivulet. A wound was found on her neck and postmortem confirmed that it was a bullet, said a forest department official.

Jumbo found dead

Hassan: A five-year-old elephant was found dead under mysterious circumstances near Anegundi village of Sakleshpur taluk on Monday. Yesaluru forest range officer Mohan said that the forest officials who discovered the carcass have found multiple bullet injuries on its thigh and front leg.

The official added that there were many instances where farmers fired air guns to scare away elephants from their fields. The problem is serious in Hassan, Shivamogga and Kodagu, he said.

There were also instances where the bullet had injured the back of an elephant, leaving it wounded. But shooting at the neck, a sensitive area, is a matter of concern, said officials.

"It is difficult to trace the culprits as they usually use unlicensed guns. Normally cases of misfiring occur leaving the elephant injured. But here the animal was shot at the neck, which cannot be a misfiring. If need be, all those who have weapons around forest areas will be checked," said a police official.

P Shankar, Chief Conservator of Forests, Hassan, told *TNIE* that all angles and aspects were being probed. This is the first incident after the translocation drive was done, over five years back. After that there have been no instances of elephants being injured. The incident must have occurred in the border areas as she was moving around with her injury for a few days, he said.

Underground cabling to help cut Bescom's losses

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THE underground power lines will cover over 7,200 km while OFCs will cover over 2,800 km across the city. The objective behind the underground cabling is to cut the transmission and distribution of losses of Bescom by 30%.

"The OFCs will be used for smart metering systems, distribution automation system and other communication networks. The project will install 1,700 automated ring main units adapted with a DAS to monitor and control the distribution line switchgears from the control centre," the MoF stated.

"The conversion of overhead distribution lines into underground cables will help build an energy-efficient network and minimise electricity outage resulting from natural hazards," said Dr C S Mohapatra, additional secretary, Department of Economic Affairs in the Ministry of Finance.

Mohapatra and Officer-in-Charge of ADB's India Resident Mission Hoe Yun Jeong were the signatories to Bengaluru Smart Energy Efficient Power Distribution Project.

"The project demonstrates an innovative financing arrangement, the first of its kind for ADB, by combining sovereign and non-sovereign loans for a state government-owned enterprise. This is to reduce the sovereign exposure and help Bescom move towards a market-based approach for raising funds for capital expenditure," said Hoe Yun Jeong. "This will help Bescom access domestic and international financing markets," MoF stated.

CRIME PATROL

Fake ID cards ring busted, 10 held

Bengaluru: The CCB busted a racket for allegedly producing fake government ID cards. Kamalesh Kumar Bhavalia (33) is said to be the kingpin. Along with him, nine others have been arrested. Acting on a tip-off, the police raided Bhavalia's house. Fake Aadhaar cards, PAN cards, voter IDs, and vehicle RC cards were recovered. "Lokesh and the others worked at a company which has a contract with government departments to print the IDs. They had access to data including monograms of state and Union governments. Using them, they printed fake ID cards and sold them. They have been doing this for the past two years," said police.

Panchayats' kitty below target this yr

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THIS year, panchayats could collect only ₹248 crore, as against the target of ₹666 crore because of Covid. Official sources said that many properties are not under the tax net. "Even those who are paying the taxes underquote their liability. For example, the owner of a bungalow will continue to pay the tax for a tiled-roof house as the records would not have been changed. Many residential properties have been converted into commercial spaces, but taxes are continued to be paid under the residential property bracket which is far lesser. Due to such violations, panchayats are unable to generate enough revenues. Despite stressing that panchayats should become self-sufficient, they continue to depend on State and Central government funds," they added.

"The tax revision uses a scientific method. We have classified RCC houses, houses with red oxide and marble flooring and commercial establishments. The new tax structure will be applicable for all panchayats. Panchayats have to first pass a resolution bringing the changes into effect, and then submit it to higher officials for approval," RDPR Secretary L K Ateeq told *TNIE*.

Leopard attacks? Reflective jacket answer to kids' protection

MEERA BHARDWAJ @ Bengaluru

IF children and elderly people walk about in orange-coloured reflective jackets in Tumakuru district, there is a reason. This is the forest officials' novel scheme to scare away the leopards. Young children have been victims of leopard attacks in towns and villages, frequented by these spotted big cats. In view of this continuing problem, 1,000 reflective jackets are being issued to children and the elderly in five affected taluks of the district. This distribution scheme is being taken up in the taluks of Kunigal, Gubbi, Tiptur, Turvukere and Tumakuru Rural that have been severely affected by the incursion of leopards in human settlements.

The leopards here usually inhabit rocky terrains and come out in search of stray dogs in villages. And many a time, children playing in the vicinity have become victims. For the leopards, kids look like small prey. Recently, a few children were attacked and this has spurred the district officials to launch this innovative scheme.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Girish, DCF Tumakuru, said, the orange-coloured jackets are made of synthetic material and are reflective. Girish added, "Young kids and old people who come for grazing in fields in some 24 villages are being provided these jackets which are reflective and scare away the leopards. We have involved the anganwadis and tied up with a clothing store to supply these jackets which are priced at ₹50 a piece."

Children wear reflective jackets in Tumakuru | EXPRESS

According to the DCF, when a person wears a reflective orange jacket, the leopard can clearly distinguish between humans and its natural prey. Many a time, the leopards attack children thinking it is a small prey like dogs. However, seeing the reflective radium lights, it will go back and it may not attack people.

"This is a cost-effective technique taken up by Tumakuru Forest Division to tackle the problem of leopards frequently straying into villages. There are no forest lands in this district and most big cats have made their homes in rocky hills with the leopard population now touching almost 100-120," he said.

Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Department

Office of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Department Division, Belagavi.
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No.: EE/MI&GWDDD/BGM/TND/AE-1/2020-21/19 Date: 01.01.2021

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (KW- 4)

As per KTTP Act-2000 and recent Amendments the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Department Division, Belagavi has invited item rate TENDER for the 4702/2019-20 through e-Procurement Portal System **(https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** for 08 No. Estimate Amount is **Rs. 135.00 Lakhs** to **Rs. 667.00 Laksh.** As per Govt. Order No.: ಆಇ/675/ವೆಚ್ಚ–12/2020, Bengaluru, Dated: 22.12.2020 as in tender documents instead of EMD amount of the contractor should fill the given proforma of EMD Declaration as uploaded in e-Procurement and to be upload the same with other documents in e-Procurement. The contractor should quote rates for itmes (except Electrical works & Silt item in 5 Years maintenance work) without adding GST. The GST amount will be paid separately. In case of extension period of work, if GST rates are increased then the contractor himself should pay the increased GST amount. The work details can be obtained from **18.01.2021.** **(1)** Pre-Bid meeting date: **28.01.2021** morning **11:00 AM.** **(2)** Tender Queries date: **28.01.2021** till Evening **5:30 PM.** **(3)** Tender receipt last date: **29.01.2021** evening **4:00 PM.** **(4)** Tender opening date: **30.01.2021** evening **4:30 PM** (if possible). **(5)** For tender details office address: **Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Department Division, Belagavi.** **(6)** Website address : **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Exeutive Engineer,
M.I & GWDD Division, Belagavi

DIPR/BGM/1033/AAA/2020-21

Government of Karnataka
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department
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Tender Notification No EE/RDWSS/GDG/AE/TND/2020-21/1508 Date : 04.01.2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply & Sanitation Division Gadag invites Work tender from eligible PRED Contractor related to RDWS&S Division, Gadag District, for the works with details as given below

Sl. No.	Indent No.	Amount Put to Tender	EMD Amount
1	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28579	144.18 Lakhs	2.16 Lakhs
2	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28581	159.98 Lakhs	2.40 Lakhs
3	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28597	195.30 Lakhs	2.93 Lakhs
4	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28598	146.10 Lakhs	2.19 Lakhs
5	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28593	148.04 Lakhs	2.22 Lakhs
6	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28594	113.61 Lakhs	2.00 Lakhs
7	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28596	93.64 Lakhs	1.87 Lakhs
8	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28592	169.97 Lakhs	2.55 Lakhs
9	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28595	93.68 Lakhs	1.87 Lakhs
10	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28243	88.40 Lakhs	1.77 Lakhs
11	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28591	96.42 Lakhs	1.93 Lakhs
12	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28234	210.35 Lakhs	3.16 Lakhs
13	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28241	90.11 Lakhs	1.80 Lakhs
14	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28590	178.88 Lakhs	2.68 Lakhs
15	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT30726	173.97 Lakhs	2.61 Lakhs
16	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT30697	169.83 Lakhs	2.55 Lakhs
17	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT30727	163.25 Lakhs	2.45 Lakhs
18	RWSSD/2020/WS/WORK_INDENT28554	93.00 Lakhs	1.86 Lakhs

The eligible bidders are required to submit through E-Procurement mode only & for More details can be had from this office and also through **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** by clicking **List of Tenders** which will link to all Dept. works list. Date for Prebid meeting is **11.01.2021**. The date of starting of tender is **04.01.2021**, Last date for tender queries is **18.01.2021**, Last date for Bid Submission is **20.01.2021**, Date of opening of technical Bid is **22.01.2021** & Date of opening of financial Bid is **25.01.2021**.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division, Gadag,

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EDITORIAL

"The difference between misery and happiness depends on what we do with our attention" — Sharon Salzberg

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— Ramnath Goenka

HELP FARMERS BUILD VIABLE COOPERATIVES

The protests at Delhi's doorsteps against agriculture sector reforms have once again drawn attention to the much-neglected need for farmers to have more collective bargaining power through successful replication of the Amul model. Though India started experimenting with cooperatives since the 1950s, very few successful ones have managed to get good prices for farmers and evolve into complex marketers, let alone revolutionise production.

Policymakers, farmers and agricultural economists alike accept that successful cooperatives or even farmer producer organisations (FPO) could help agriculturists gain a better bargaining power in today's marketplace. Yet this is what is lacking in the commodities market today, leaving farmers to the mercy of middlemen and vagaries of price manipulations, which they fear—justifiably or unjustifiably—would increase once large corporates enter the space. Simple steps such as collective purchase of farm inputs, sharing of farm machinery and collective sale at *mandis* or even through farmers' markets directly to consumers could see a huge jump in the incomes of growers.

One of the biggest problems for India's millions of small and marginal farmers, many of whom are share-croppers without ownership titles, is that they are unable to access cheap bank loans for agriculture at 6-8% interest. Instead, they have to depend on moneylenders and shell out exorbitant interests of 18-36%. A cooperative or FPO could easily help access credit from large banks for their members, solving one of the biggest causes of farmer suicides.

The Centre did launch a scheme called "formation and promotion of FPOs" in the interim Budget last year, with an aim to set up some 10,000 new FPOs with the support of ₹6,865 crore, spread over two years. But till now nothing worthwhile has been achieved. Perhaps it is time for the Centre to walk the talk and help farmers build large, viable cooperatives or FPOs that can take on the largest corporate buyer or commodity trader and truly give farmers a choice between becoming a price-taker and a price-setter. Such a move can make the much-needed agriculture sector reforms far more palatable to the agitating farmers.

THE TROUBLE WITH FULLY OPENING CINEMAS

Tamil Nadu on Monday became the first Indian state to allow movie theatres to function with 100% capacity. The decision comes as the number of new Covid-19 cases reported in the state are on the decline. On the day, for instance, TN reported a test positivity rate of just 1.38%, well below the 5% benchmark at which the spread of the disease is thought to be under control. High testing through the gold-standard RT-PCR mode and fever camps have no doubt helped the efforts. Still, the move to allow movie theatres to function with full capacity is premature, especially given the emergence of clusters at IIT-Madras and some star hotels in Chennai. The decision comes following meetings with key film industry figures.

The pandemic and lockdown have been devastating for the industry, especially for theatres. Although the state allowed movie theatres to reopen with 50% capacity in November, business continued to suffer. With no major releases hitting the screens, viewers stayed away. The state's decision comes ahead of the crucial Pongal season with at least two big movies expected to release.

The entire course of the pandemic has forced governments across the world to make tough choices, including weighing the risk to livelihood and businesses against the risk to human lives. For months now, we have been aware that the coronavirus spreads most in closed indoor spaces, more so over long durations of time. Many experts have put movie theatres at the last of public spaces that ought to be reopened. Spending two-three hours in a closed space in which people are likely to remove their masks, especially to snack, is a high-risk activity. With this in mind, some people may continue to stay away from movie halls, but others may receive the wrong message from this relaxation—that the virus no longer needs to be feared, that the guard can be dropped. Lives could be lost as a result. When the reopening of schools has been put off to protect lives despite the multiple adverse effects on youngsters from difficult backgrounds, the reopening of movie theatres to full capacity must be reconsidered and put off, at least for now.

Are consumers going to rush out after the vaccine is out, and is consumption going to rebound and possibly even cross the levels pre-Covid society witnessed?

A REVENGE RETURN OF CONSUMPTION AFTER COVID

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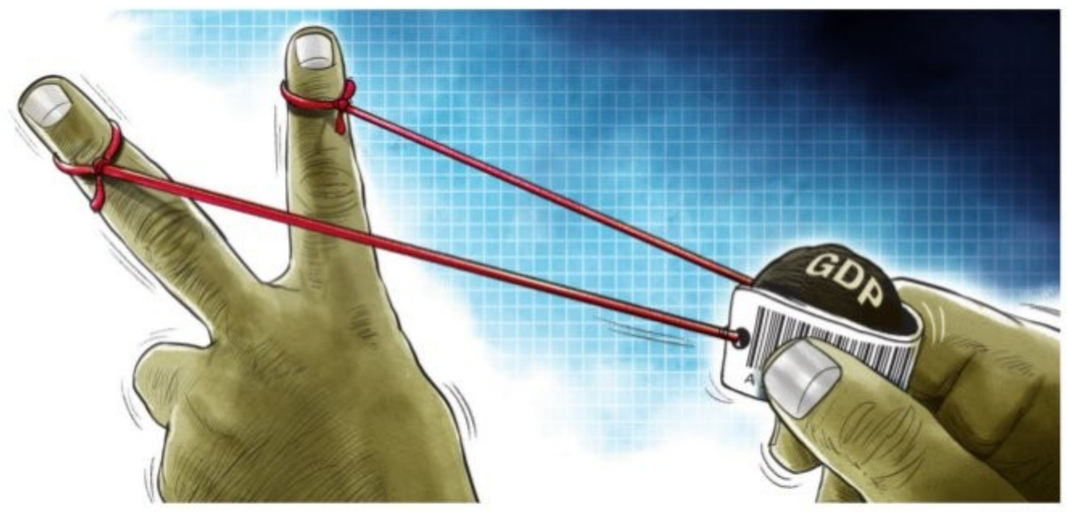

AMIT BANDRE

I woke up a troubled man today. The question troubling me is a vexing one. Will the whole world go wild after the pandemic is done and dusted? Will a whole world of consumers consume with a greater gusto of passion, once the controls of the pandemic are over? Will the world get back to the market of consumption and maybe even to its obscene avatar of overt consumption? Will the physical markets for products and services boom again, giving every country the opportunity to hop on to a fast-paced growth momentum as far as its GDP is concerned?

As a quick backgrounder, all of us have lived through the worst of times in our lifetime and recent memory. The energy crisis of the 70s or the Lehman Brothers crisis in 2008 pale in significance and economic impact. Nothing to date has been worse than Covid-19 in living memory.

In the early months of the pandemic, the reins of all governance, business, marketing and life itself were grabbed by governments in the respective countries. Every market regressed into basic consumption mode. Governments mandated this strictly with basic individual freedoms being rationed and curtailed. If China did it in its manner of iron-fisted diktat, the Netherlands did it in its own proactively inclusive manner. Both regressive and progressive governance structures did it in their own tough manner and mode. All sectors of the economy were grabbed from the hands of consumers and governed minutely by governments and municipalities. The manufacturing and services segments were governed totally by governments and government diktat. Only agriculture survived outside this ambit of total control.

In the bargain, the GDP of every country shrunk, some more than the others. The only positive contribution that seemed to continue was the one made by agriculture. That too non-corporate and individual farmer-led agriculture. GDP shrinkages during the quarter ended June 2020 of the pandemic have therefore ranged from a docile 3.2% of China to a gory 23.9% of India.

As governments, central banks, businesses and indeed consumers whisper the language of revival, I am vexed by the thought of whether this revival is indeed going to be one of revenge. Are consumers going to rush out after the vaccine is out, and is consumption going to rebound by leaps and bounds, possibly even cross the levels pre-Covid consumer society witnessed?

The logic for a very strong revival of sentiment in everything related to manufacturing, agriculture and services by a distance (in that order) seems to be solid.

Consumers have been cooped up in their homes. The handle of consumption has been taken away from their hands. The celebratory economy died and the fear economy took its place as the guardian angel on duty. As the pandemic wanes and the vaccine makes its way into many a body and vein, the guards are going to be down. Governments will lower the barriers imposed, and business and marketing will once again be handed back to those who know it best, the businessmen and marketers with an animal spirit of revival in their DNA. These folk will stoke demand all over again with a vengeance.

The consumer then is the final frontier to breach. After all, he, she and they are the ones who make the market of consumption happen. Consumers who have been denied everything they have been used to will therefore once again jump back and buy and consume (even flaunt and waste) the way they used to in the good old days of modern pre-Covid consumptive life.

The romantic notion in the beginning of Covid of reassessment of our way of living is set to disappear in most countries. But some nations will see shrinkage and reinvent a new measure of growth, far from the madding GDP metrics

This time round, the consumers get back into the market with the memory of recent denial. The consumers get back with a heightened sense of mortality even. The very same consumers, who did believe in an eternal physical life in the past, are rather sensitised to the frailty of it in the era of the virus. Will this then make them that much more wanting-oriented, as opposed to denial-oriented? Will they spend that much more tomorrow than yesterday? Will there be a revenge return to the markets? I do believe this is what we will witness. The romantic notion in the beginning of the pandemic of denial and reassessment of our way of living on the planet is set to sublimate into nothingness in most countries.

This will then happen in two ways. Two types of countries will emerge. Country Type 1 will be the one that will witness a revenge return to consumption. These are the group of countries that are labeled to be the "emerging markets", the "developing countries" and whole swathes of the "developed market" even. Expect this in China, India, Brazil, large parts of Africa and Europe, and most certainly in the US and Canada.

Country Type 2 is the one that has really reacted to the pandemic in a pushed-back manner. These are the supra-developed countries of the world. Shall we add Japan, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland and a swathe of the Netherlands to it? Out here, expect a whole set of consumers wanting to lessen the consumption burden on the earth altogether. Expect folks out there to say that the pandemic was a lesson to learn from. A pause-moment that is meant to teach us to be less burdensome on the earth in terms of overt manufacturing-burdens, overt agriculture-heists from the earth and indeed an overt reliance on services that must not be relied upon.

As both types of countries emerge, GDP growth rates in Country Type 1 will rebound to the old levels and boom beyond on the wings of a revenge return to "the good old way". Country Type 2 will, in reverse, see shrinkage. These countries will then reinvent for themselves a new measure of growth altogether, far from the madding indices of GDP metrics. In many ways these will be the philosophical leaders of the small but beautiful new world about to unfold.

India belongs to the Type 1 countries list. There will be a revenge return to the normal and beyond, nudging GDP indices to roaring numbers. Manufacturing will boom. Agriculture will try to keep pace under the reform umbrella. And services will hobble back, later than sooner. The more things change, the more they don't!

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A NEW DEAL FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES NEEDED IN BUDGET

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India enacted a law to protect the interests of migrant workers in 1979 with all good intentions. It ensured fair and decent conditions of employment along with the licensing of contractors who employ migrant workers, said details of all migrant workers should be provided to the relevant authorities and had a host of other good features. Yet this country saw the utter misery of the migrant workers during the Covid lockdown, with thousands marching home on foot with nothing to hang on to except their miserable belongings. The law failed, as none in the Central or state governments ever bothered to implement the law. Did the MPs raise this issue after this grave tragedy? Unhappily, no. Has the government announced any radical changes in the law and punished officers who failed to implement it? Not so far.

So where has good governance promised by the honourable prime minister gone? The same fate awaits people with disabilities in the country in spite of The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, that lays down a host of responsibilities on the Central and state governments; 35 sections of the Act cover practically every aspect of their life and how to make it comfortable. Almost all states have commissioners for them. There appears to be no report available from the state governments as to what they do and on whether they have detailed statistics of persons with disabilities with them. Tamil Nadu seems to have even district-level officers to deal with their welfare. Others also may have such officers, but what do they really do to help persons with disabilities?

What is missing in all these arrangements as it happened in the case of the migrant workers is proper enforcement of the law. Fixing responsibility for failures rarely happens in this country at any level from secretary to the Government of India to the humble peon. This is the cause for failures and the poor performance index of this country across sectors. Have the governments both at the Centre and the states done anything to build capacities in persons with disabilities to help them lead a good life? Some states may have centres to fit prosthetics but they are inadequately funded and antiquated.

So what can the Union finance minister do that could be a radical change from the existing regime for people with disabilities?

1. The Act should be amended to make the states responsible to identify people and classify their disabilities as curable, incurable and remediable, and fix responsibilities on each and every functionary along with punishment for failures. These officers should also be generously paid.

2. Many in the rural areas have curable blindness such as cataract glaucoma and other curable eye ailments that have incapacitated them. The states should ensure that they are taken to the appropriate hospitals and cured. Where the deficiency is remediable, as for instance by fitting prosthetics, the state should do it free of cost.

3. One of the major deficiencies in our country's poverty alleviation programmes is the lack of provision for capability enhancement of people with disabilities where such opportunities are available. With modern medical technology, most can be helped to lead qualitatively better lives.

The Union finance minister will be remembered if she removes customs duty and GST on all equipment needed for the well-being of people with disabilities and also on all life-saving drugs and equipment

The Act should contain mandatory provisions for people with disabilities to seek government assistance to improve their quality of life at no cost, within a given time frame of registering their request. For example, very good modern prosthetics are available and when people who lack a limb are fitted with them, they could lead a normal life. Merely creating facilities or opportunities for them as contained in the Act is not a sufficient condition for their well-being .

To cap it all, the tax system is also uncharitable to them. The GST law provides for a tax of 5% for crutches, wheelchairs, walking frames and artificial limbs. Orthopaedic appliances, like surgical belts and artificial parts of the body are subject to tax at 12% and many others at 18%. Besides, import duty on many of these items are also on the higher side.

It appears contradictory that on the one hand, the state passes a law to ameliorate the sufferings of people with disabilities and on the other, it taxes merrily the different equipment needed for them to lead more comfortable lives. Where exemptions are available, they are hedged by conditions for certification by various authorities.

The author as Revenue Secretary got customs duty on all imported life-saving drugs and equipment exempted and removed the certification requirements that often led to delays and consequent corruption. This exemption was withdrawn for some unknown reasons suddenly. Exemptions are given as per customs notification 85/2017 of 14 November 2017 to life-saving drugs for personal use supplied free of cost by overseas suppliers subject to certification requirement.

The arduous process of obtaining a certificate from the designated authorities will kill the patient or his attender. Is it even possible for most cancer patients to do this? Why are only free supplies exempted? Exempting life-saving drugs from customs duty would for instance cost less than what we spend on the commute of VIPs in separate government jets instead of commercial aircraft as was the case earlier and on the upkeep of the millions of dollars-worth VVIP aircraft. We have become rich enough for this but don't have the money for the much-needed exemptions for life-saving drugs and equipment. Why these hedging conditions when no one is going to buy life-saving drugs in tons and sell them as breakfast food? The author knows well the worth of these certificates.

Most countries in the West do not impose any import duty on drugs. The Union finance minister will be remembered if she removes customs duty and GST on all equipment needed for the well-being of people with disabilities and also on all life-saving drugs and equipment.

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Phase 3 trial data needed

While the Centre is quite euphoric about the drug regulatory authority approving conditional use of the Covid vaccines, concerns expressed about the pending phase 3 trial data cannot be brushed aside. Even emergency use authorisation requires efficacy data.

SK Choudhury, Bengaluru

Protocols must be followed

It is encouraging that the DCGI has formally approved the two vaccine candidates. However, it is of paramount importance that all internationally specified protocols be followed in ensuring the vaccines' efficacy. Covaxin has not yet completed its phase 3 trials, which is a cause for concern.

C Ghanshyam, Visakhapatnam

Reason not good enough

Former UP CM Akhilesh Yadav's statement about not getting the vaccine because it is a BJP one does not behove a senior leader like him. He could have provided other reasons for refusing the vaccine, like saying proper protocols were not followed in its approval.

K R Jayaprakash Rao, Mysuru

Kudos to paper and author

This is with reference to *Columnist thinks he is God: Governor* (Jan 3). The senior columnist could have avoided doubting the integrity of the Kerala Governor based on presumptions. At the same time, kudos to the author and the newspaper for publishing the Governor's letter.

Jaya Kumaran, Ottapalam

Critics will criticise

This is with reference to *Transparency the watchword as India begins vaccination* (Jan 4). Even laws enacted with the best of intentions are attacked by vested interests. So the Centre should carry out the vaccine programme slowly and properly without bothering about unwarranted criticism.

Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery

Lack of transparency

The government may have followed prescribed guidelines before commencing universal vaccination, but a lack of transparency has given the impression that the vaccines are being rushed through. The achievements of our scientists are being unrecognised.

Hemanth Bhide, Mangaluru

Rational action by MP CM

Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan's assertive move to take stringent action against stone pelters is quite rational. He must now be careful as a compromised approach in the issue will give a wrong message to society.

Cicily Thomas, Muvattupuzha

Law should be equal

The MP government drafting the law to auction the properties of stone pelters to recover the damages they caused is indeed a welcome step. However, this law should be made equally applicable to everyone, cutting across party lines. Whoever indulges in vandalism should be dealt with equally without fear or favour.

Sudhakar Cherukunnu, Kannur

A curse to democracy

AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi is trying to form alliances in Kolkata for the upcoming West Bengal polls. What benefit would he get by contesting a state election? Voting based on communal consideration is a curse to democracy.

Dr M Haneef, Kottayam

Attack Centre, but ...

Congress president Sonia Gandhi was well within her rights to accuse the Modi regime of being arrogant as any opposition would do to attack the government of the day. But saying it happened for the first time since Independence is wrong and ignores the most arrogant regime under Indira Gandhi.

A Raveendranath, Aranmula

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Sanjay Jha @JhaSanjay
Yes, clinical data must be disclosed. But to play irresponsible politics over Covaxin is deeply unfortunate. To all those who were blindsided, read enclosed report.

Shashi Tharoor @ShashiTharoor
Any Covaxin user should note the Govt's "approval" is on the basis of "emergency" &on a "clinical trial basis".

Shama Mohamed @drshamamohd
Higher MSP than market price is root cause of the problem, says @nitin_gadkari. This proves what farmers have been fearing all along.

India's vaccines will decide its strength: PM

Modi says country to start world's biggest Covid-19 vaccination programme, thanks scientists for developing doses

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

A day after the drugs regulator approved two vaccines for restricted emergency use, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday the world's biggest inoculation drive against Covid-19 is set to begin in the country, extending his gratitude to technicians and scientists for their contributions.

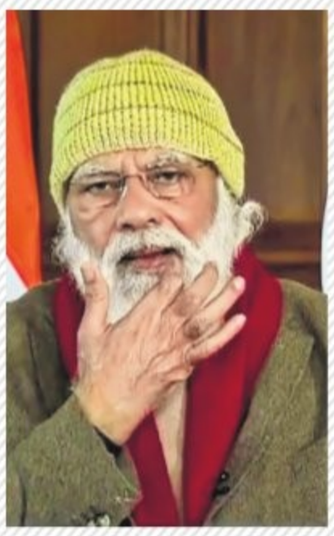
"The New Year has brought another major achievement. Scientists of India have been successful in developing not one but two 'Made in India' Covid-19 vaccines. World's largest Covid vaccination programme is also going to begin in India. For this, the country is proud of its technicians and scientists' contribution; every countryman is grateful to you," Modi said at the National Metrology Conclave.

The PM also remembered the time when India's scientific institutions had toiled hard to challenge the virus by starting to develop the vaccine. "All the institutions, including the CSIR, had come together to face every challenge and seek solutions for the circumstances. With this dedication, a new sense of awareness and respect has arisen for these scientific institutions in the country today," he said.

Modi said in the past, India had been dependent on foreign standards for quality and measurement, but now, "India's standards will decide its strength, products and world standing". "The goal wasn't to simply fill the world market with Indian products but to win every customer's heart who buys an Indian product. Today, when the country is moving ahead with the conviction of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, we have to remember that its goal is quantity, but along with that quality is equally important," he added.

38 in India tested for new strain

Nine more individuals, tested positive for the coronavirus in India, have been found to be infected with the new mutated strain of the virus, the Centre said on Monday. This takes the total number of people infected with the new UK strain to 38. Of the 38 cases of the mutated strain of the Covid-19, 10 have been detected at NIMHANS in Bengaluru, eight in NCDC Delhi, five in National Institute of Virology Pune, three in CCMB Hyderabad, 11 in Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology New Delhi, and one case at NIBMG Kalyani.



PM Narendra Modi at National Metrology Conclave on Monday | PTI

Did not insult scientists: Akhilesh

Two days after Akhilesh Yadav said he will not get himself injected with a 'BJP vaccine' against coronavirus, the Samajwadi Party chief asserted on Monday that he had never insulted the scientists who developed it. Yadav's comment on Saturday that he could not trust a vaccine which would be used by a BJP government had triggered sharp reactions from the ruling party as well as leaders like Omar Abdullah of the National Conference. The Samajwadi Party chief had tried to make amends on Twitter the same day, saying he was not referring to the scientists.

Bharat Biotech to present evidence of vaccine efficacy by February-March

NEW DELHI: Under fire for receiving approval for its Covid-19 vaccine Covaxin in the country without presenting any efficacy data, Bharat Biotech on Monday confirmed that it has not presented any results from the late-stage trials and added that evidence of its efficacy will be available by February-March.

Company chairman Krishna Ella, in a virtual press briefing, said that his company "gave excellent safety data tested on around 25,000 participants", adding that they are "confident of having efficacy above the set benchmark of 50 %".

Covaxin, along with Covishield by SII, had been granted restricted use permission in the country last week and is expected to be launched in days ahead.

According to Ella, the company plans to produce the doses in four of its facilities based in Hyderabad and Bengaluru.

"We have 20 million doses right now. We can manufacture 700 million doses in 2021," Ella said adding that the company has manufactured a stock pile of one crore doses already even before the vaccine was cleared by the drug regulator.

He also said that while the talks are on with the government on pricing and purchase agreements, the cost will be higher in the beginning but may come down later depending on the market conditions.

Ella said that his company is ready to roll out the vaccine, whose 50 lakh doses have been sent to the central drugs laboratory at Kasauli for testing, any day if the government allows it. "I would love to roll out tomorrow."

The company said that it is confident about the high efficacy rate of its vaccine, given the tested nature of the platform(inactivated virus) it uses and robust immune response it showed in pre-clinical trials and early stage human trials. *ENS*

I don't know what is 'back up', there is no back up in the world. It is another vaccine. People should be responsible in giving statements like these

Krishna Ella, head of Bharat Biotech, reacts to AIIMS Delhi director's remarks

BJP slams Cong for questioning vaccine nod

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE BJP on Monday taunted the Congress saying the party, which can't resolve its own the leadership crisis, is questioning the approval process for the indigenous Covid-19 vaccine.

He also accused opposition parties, including the Congress, of helping "foreign forces".

"The Congress should first address the leadership issue within the party. It has over 20 in the non-working committee who have not yet held the phase 1 trial for the leadership of the party," said BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra at a press conference. Further mocking the party, he said the Covid-19 will be soon gone, water will be discovered on Mars someday and people will start living on Moon but a Congress president will still not be elected.

On Sunday, three former Union ministers Jairam Ramesh, Anand Sharma and Shashi Tharoor had questioned the drug regulator's decision to give the approval to the Bharat Biotech's Covaxin without the completion of the phase 3 trial. Patra said while India is happy with the approval of two vaccines, Congress leaders have become "rumour mongers" and have tried their best to create "chaos".

He also hit out at Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav, who had dubbed the vaccines as "BJP's vaccines", but mainly targeted the Congress for speaking "lies" and spreading confusion over the issue.

Nothing can be more painful than the politics being done on the issue, Patra said.

SC DIRECTS CENTRE TO AMEND CATTLE SLAUGHTER RULES

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday asked the Centre to either withdraw or amend rules notified in 2017 for confiscating animals of traders and transporters during the pendency of trial in cases under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, saying they are contrary to the law.

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde said that the rules will be stayed if not withdrawn or amended by the Centre as the law provides that animals can be confiscated only if a person is convicted under the Act.

"Animals are source of livelihood. We are not talking about pet dogs and cats. People live on the basis of their animals. You can't confiscate them and keep them before the man is convicted. Your rules are contrary. You either withdraw it or we will stay it," the bench said.

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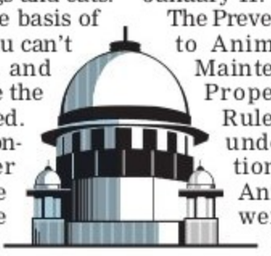
Supreme Court

The bench told Additional Solicitor General Jayant K Sud, appearing for the Centre, that the government cannot confiscate the cattle and keep it before a person is convicted.

At the outset, Sud informed the bench that the 2017 rules have been notified as atrocities were being committed on animals.

The bench said, "We are trying to tell you that the section is very clear that only the person who is convicted can lose the animal. You either amend the rule or we will stay it. We cannot have a situation where the rule is running contrary to the express provision of the Act."

The bench posted the matter for further hearing on January 11.



The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Care and Maintenance of Case Property Animals) Rules, 2017 framed under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, were notified on May 23, 2017.

EXPRESS READ

UK properties: I-T team records Vadra's statement

New Delhi: The I-T department on Monday visited the premises of Robert Vadra, the son-in-law of Congress chief Sonia Gandhi, to record his statement in an ongoing probe. According to the I-T officials, they visited his Sukhdev Vihar residence as it was "more convenient" for both the parties in the ongoing pandemic. "It was routine and we needed to record his statement in the benami assets case. It is an ongoing process," an official said. A team recorded Vadra's statement under the provisions of the Prohibition of Benami Property Transactions Act. The department is probing the case of alleged possession of some undisclosed assets in the UK since last few years. Later, Vadra told the media that the action was aimed to "digress" from the "real issues".

NHRC FUMES

'Manual scavenging still a reality'

SANA SHAKIL @ New Delhi

THE National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) is in favour of broadening of the definition of manual scavenging to include all forms of hazardous cleaning after it observed that many states make "tall claim" of having zero manual scavenging cases, which it found were far from truth.

The human rights commission on Monday recommended that a "penal section" be put in law to prevent "the discrimination and harassment faced by the children of manual scavengers and women manual scavengers."

In a statement, the commission said that it was "strongly felt at National Human Rights Commission " that "many states make tall claim that they have zero manual scavengers and nil insanitary latrines but these are far from truth."

To prevent this the Commission recommended that "accountability must be fixed in case of wrong reporting by the concerned authorities about the number of manual scavengers in any region of the country."

The NHRC has sent many recommendations, including those stated above, to the centre and states, including Union Ministries of Home Affairs, Finance, Social Justice & Empowerment.

Among the recommendations sent to the authorities include - rehabilitation process of manual scavengers to be linked to schemes under which they can immediately start earning like MNREGA, amount of compensation paid as one time cash assistance for rehabilitation of manual scavengers to be enhanced from ₹40,000 to ₹1 lakh and strict action against local authorities, who employ people to work as manual scavengers.

Farmers have 'langar' outside the Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi during their talks with the government on Monday; police personnel deployed at a protest site in Haryana's Rewari | PTI/SHEKHAR YADAV

Will convene Assembly against farm laws: Mamata

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

CONTINUING her tirade against the Centre over the new farm laws, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday said arrangements would soon be made to convene an assembly session to pass a resolution against the contentious legislations.

With assembly polls knocking at the door, Banerjee also hinted that she was ready to implement the PM-Kisan scheme in Bengal, and said she had asked the Centre to share details of all those who have registered themselves on the Union government's portal for the programme.

Banerjee, however, asserted that said she would never allow the implementation of the three farm laws, which have sparked protests across the country.

"We are against those farm laws. We would soon convene an assembly session for a day or two and pass a resolution against the anti-farmer laws," Banerjee said.

Bengal, if it passes the resolution, would become the sixth state in the country to do so, after Kerala, Delhi, Punjab, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan.

The CM's remarks came on a day when the seventh round of talks between protesting unions and three central ministers ended inconclusively, as farmer groups stuck to their demand for repeal of the three farm laws, while the government listed out various benefits of the new Acts for the growth of the country's agriculture sector. "I support the farmers and want the withdrawal of these three laws for the sake of the country," she said.

SC takes note after Panjab University students write to CJI, seek probe into police 'atrocities'

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court will hear 35 students of Panjab University who wrote to the Chief Justice urging him to take cognizance of police excesses against protesting farmers.

The top court registered the letter written by these students as a PIL. In their letter, the students appealed the top court to order an inquiry into the Haryana Police's action of 'illegitimate' use of water cannons, tear gas shells and lathis on the peaceful protesting farmers. The letter contended that farmers are protesting peacefully, but the government is not sensitive to these issues.

Incidentally, the Haryana Police on Sunday had fired tear gas shells to stop a group of farmers from moving towards Delhi. Hundreds of farmers, mostly from Punjab, have been protesting at Delhi borders for over a month for repeal of the three recently enacted farm laws. The students have urged the Chief Justice to direct the Haryana and Delhi Police to withdraw all the cases against innocent farmers which, they claimed, were registered as political vendetta, as well as order a probe into the cases of illegal detention of farmers.

The students from the Centre for Human Rights and Duties, Panjab University, also sought a direction from the top court to both the Centre and the state governments to ensure the safety of all protesters, and to provide basic amenities to all, especially women, children and the elderly. *ENS*

MP minister attacks protesters

MP agriculture minister Kamal Patel said farmers staging protest on Delhi borders have rejected pleas to end their stir as they are "enacting a drama to sleep" and it is not possible to "awake" them.

Hooda reaches out to farmers

Haryana Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda said the Congress will provide a financial assistance of ₹2 lakh each to families of farmers who have died during the agitation.

RSS MEET

Fundraise for Ram temple on top agenda

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) in its three-day-long conclave will brainstorm on the fundraising for the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya. The RSS will also take up the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' campaign for discussion.

Over 150 delegates, including BJP chief J P Nadda and organisational secretary of the party B L Santosh, will attend the 'Samanway baithak', said Sangh's chief spokesperson Arun Kumar in Gandhinagar on Monday.

The conclave, held biannually, is known for coordination among various affiliates. Besides the BJP, 25 other organisational heads linked to the RSS will attend the deliberations.

"The meeting will also take stock of the services offered to the people of the various organisations during the Covid-19 pandemic," said Kumar, adding that the deliberations in different sessions will take up issues such as plans for environment protection, Indian lifestyle, strengthening family system.

The Vishva Hindu Parishad will be spearheading the campaign for the fund collections for the Ram temple construction.

Jaishankar's three-day Sri Lanka visit from today, likely to meet Prez, PM

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EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will begin his three-day Sri Lanka visit from Tuesday where he will interact with the island nation's top leadership and review bilateral ties between the two countries.

"At the invitation of the Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka Hon'ble Dinesh Gunawardena, External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar will pay an official visit to Sri Lanka from 5-7 January 2021. He will hold discussions with his counterpart and Sri Lanka's leadership on the entire gamut of bilateral relations. This will be the first foreign visit by EAM in 2021, and also, the first by a foreign dignitary to Sri Lanka in the New Year," the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement, adding that "it signifies the priority both countries attach to strengthening their close and cordial relations in all spheres of mutual interest".

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Jaishankar's previous visit to Sri Lanka had come November last year immediately after President Gotabaya Rajapaksa assumed office. The visit was seen as an attempt to reset the bilateral ties. President Rajapaksa had also visited India in his first foreign trip after assuming charge.

During this trip, Jaishankar is likely to meet the Sri Lankan president, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and his Sri Lankan counterpart Dinesh Gunawardena.

Sources said the foreign minister may also discuss the fishermen's issue. The visit is also close on the heels of the December 30 virtual meeting of the joint working group on fisheries where talks were held on the arrest of 36 Indian fishermen from Tamil Nadu and seizure of their vessels allegedly on charges of poaching.

JVM-BJP MERGER ROW

The dispute over merger of Babulal Marandi's Jharkhand Vikas Morcha into BJP has reached the SC after Speaker RN Mahto filed SLP and challenged the decision of the HC putting interim stay on the notice served to Marandi

170 BIRDS FALL PREY TO BIRD FLU IN RAJASTHAN

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	24	8	Mumbai	29	24
Bhopal	24	7	Panaji	32	24
Jaipur	23	12	Patna	24	13
Amritsar	19	3	Lucknow	22	11
Chennai	30	23	Port Blair	30	26
Kolkata	27	19	Imphal	24	9
Srinagar	4	-5	Chandigarh	22	7

Shoe hurled as BJP, TMC cross paths at roadshow

Projectile misses the vehicle carrying Bengal observer Kailash Vijayvargiya and national vice president Mukul Roy at Wattgunj

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kolkata

A shoe was hurled at the vehicle of BJP's Bengal observer Kailash Vijayvargiya and national vice president Mukul Roy during a roadshow at Wattgunj on Monday. The shoe, which missed the vehicle, was hurled when the BJP roadshow was at Wattgunj, where the ruling Trinamool Congress was holding an event.

Monday's roadshow was slated to be the first for Sovan Chatterjee – the former mayor of Kolkata – after joining BJP and being appointed the observer of Kolkata zone. However, Chatterjee did not turn up for the event.

Earlier in the day, the police refused to allow the BJP roadshow, citing possible traffic snarls on the first day of the week. The party supporters had assembled at Orphangunj to start the procession.

After discussions with the party leaders, the officials relented and allowed one vehicle through a shortened route, while barring motorcycles to ensure there was no traffic bottleneck.

Meanwhile, BJP's State president Dilip Ghosh said, "We have learnt from our past experience that police do not give permission for BJP events. It was a peaceful procession to our Hastings party office."

Kailash Vijayvargiya

Meanwhile, BJP's West Bengal state committee member Krishnendu Mukherjee on Monday alleged that 'TMC goons' opened fire on his car in Asansol in Paschim Barddhaman district but he was saved by a whisker as the assailants failed to open the vehicle's doors. The ruling party in the state, however, dismissed his allegation and said the incident might be a fallout of Mukherjee's old rivalries.

"As I was returning home in Asansol's Hirapur from Kolkata on Sunday night, three unidentified persons, whom I suspect to be TMC goons, stopped my car near my house and tried to open the doors, failing which they opened indiscriminate fire on the vehicle.

"The driver shouted for help and I repeatedly honked the horn to grab the locals' attention, following which the assailants fled the spot," Mukherjee said. He alleged that the TMC was behind the incident and he has informed senior BJP leaders about the incident.

A complaint has been received from Mukherjee and CCTV footage in the area are being scrutinised, an officer at Hirapur police station said.

Dismissing the charges, TMC's Asansol Dakshin MLA Tapas Banerjee alleged that Mukherjee is accused in several extortion, smuggling and even murder cases and was absconding for a long time and the incident might be a fallout of his old rivalries.

(With inputs from agencies)

EYE HEALTH FOR ALL BY 2025: DIDI

Kolata: Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday announced a five-year eye care programme. Banerjee said the aim of the state government is eye health for all by 2025. "Under this programme, 20 lakh elderly people will be extended the facility of cataract operations over the next five years, and 8.5 lakh spectacles will be provided free of cost," she said.

THORAT MEETS SONIA, OFFERS TO RESIGN

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

MAHARASHTRA Congress president Balasaheb Thorat met AICC chief Sonia Gandhi on Monday and reportedly offered to resign over continuous interference from Delhi leaders and a lack of freedom to run the party. Thorat holds three crucial positions – Legislative Party leader in the Assembly, Revenue Minister, and the State party president – in Maharashtra Congress and the Thackeray government.

While Thorat was not available for comments, Maharashtra Congress incharge H K Patil told TNIE that he too had learnt about the resignation, adding that the Congress has decided to restructure the Maharashtra unit to develop it into a strong political force.

There were already calls for Thorat to be relieved of the Maharashtra party president post. Those backing Thorat said that the party had made much headway under him, especially in the last Assembly election.

Hemant Soren's convoy attacked during stir against rape, murder

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

CHIEF Minister Hemant Soren's convoy was pelted with stones by a mob, leaving the route opening vehicle damaged, on Monday. While the chief minister's vehicle was diverted to a safer route, a traffic inspector sustained injuries and was admitted to a hospital in Ranchi.

Sources said that the convoy was crossing Kishorganj Chowk when a peaceful protest against the rape, murder and decapitation of a woman turned violent. A woman's headless body was found under the Ormanjhi police station limits in Ranchi on Sunday, but the police were yet to make any headway into the probe or trace the head.

According to eyewitnesses, the agitators were protesting peacefully near Kishorganj Chowk when Soren's convoy heading towards his official residence reached the spot and came under attack.

Traffic on Harmu Road was disrupted for over half an hour following the incident. The protestors dispersed after the attack.

SSP Surendra Jha said that the attack was pre-planned. "It was a conspiracy by the anti-social elements to disturb social harmony, but their intentions were foiled due to the alertness of the police. We are trying to identify the people involved," he said, adding that strict action would be taken against the culprits.

Sources said that a vehicle carrying anti-social elements was waiting for the convoy at the protest site. JMM general secretary and spokesperson Supriyo Bhattacharya called it a pre-planned conspiracy.

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GANGRAPE

Hathras case: Special court starts hearing

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Lucknow

A special SC/ST court started the hearing into the Hathras gangrape and murder case on Monday. During the hearing, the counsel of both the parties were handed over the copies of the chargesheet submitted by the CBI. The next hearing has been posted for January 29.

Sources said that the four accused — Sandeep Singh Sisodiya, Ramkumar, Ravi and Luvkush — were brought from Aligarh jail under a thick security blanket for the hearing. The CBI investigating officer (IO), DSP Seema Pahuja, was also present in the court. After their first appearance, all the accused were sent back to Aligarh.

Sources said that when the four accused were brought to the court, their parents and relatives mobbed the police van. "They were crying and wanted to have a glimpse of their sons," said the sources. The CBI had submitted the on December 18.

A 19-year-old Dalit girl was allegedly raped by the four accused, who attempted to kill her on September 14. The victim succumbed at Safdurjung hospital in New Delhi on September 29.

INQUIRY

Varsha Raut, wife of Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut, leaving the Enforcement Directorate office after appearing before the agency for the PMC bank scam inquiry in Mumbai on Monday | PTI

Ex-babus back law on love-jihad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Lucknow

IN a strong rebuff to 104 former civil servants who had written a letter to UP CM Yogi Adityanath urging him to withdraw the state's new ordinance against religious conversions, 224 retired civil servants, including IAS, IPS, IFS officers, retired judges of various High Courts and retired defence personnel, have written a letter in support of anti-conversion ordinance and released it to the media here on Monday.

Last week, over 100 ex-bureaucrats had written an open letter to UP CM saying that new anti-conversion law of Uttar Pradesh had turned the state into "the epicentre of politics of hate, division and bigotry". Having written the letter as members of 'Forum of Concerned Citizens', the signatories reiterated their belief in Indian democracy while dubbing the 104 ex-bureaucrats as "visibly biased with an anti-establishment attitude despite overtly posing as non-political."

"This group seems to have usurped the Constitutional power of Judicial Review to put every law of the land to the test of their own whims," says the letter.

Maha poll watchdog orders probe into auctioning of sarpanch posts

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

AFTER TNIE reported auctioning of the sarpanch-Umrane village head post in Nasik district for ₹2.05 crore, the Maharashtra state election commission has asked all district collectors to probe such incidents and submit reports.

State election commissioner UPS Madan said his department wants reports with self-explanatory feedback from collectors. Madan said a complaint has been filed following reports alleging a large amount of money being offered for the sarpanch post.

"This is a serious matter. If such an auctioning has taken place in your district, it should be thoroughly investigated and a report submitted at the earliest with a list of uncontested winning candidates," state election commissioner said.

Madan said if there is only one candidate left after the deadline for withdrawal of nomination papers during local body polls, he is declared uncontested winner.

The TNIE reported on Dec 30 that the open bid was announced for the highest bidder in a Devlali village in Nasik district. Vishwasrao Devar participated in the auction for the sarpanch post bidding by offering the highest ₹2.05 crore. Meeting was held in an open ground of the Umrane village and the money given in auction was supposed to be used for the construction of a temple. The 'base price for the auction' started at ₹1.11 crore.

Umarane is not an isolated example. There are many villages that went for the "unopposed" local body elections. During the "unopposed elections formula", those who were elected offered a huge sum for these posts. Madan said the collectors have been asked to check whether allurement, threat or coercive methods were used in the districts.

LOCAL BODY POLL

Maharashtra village 'bids' farewell to traditional election with auction

The screenshot of the TNIE's December 30 story detailing how auctioning had replaced traditional election in a Nashik village

Kin brave snow to seek probe into encounter

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE families of two of the three youth killed in the December 30 'encounter' at Lawaypora near Srinagar on Monday staged a protest in the state capital, demanding that the bodies be returned for proper burial and a thorough probe launched into the episode.

The police on Monday released two video clips of the incident in which security men can be heard telling militants trapped inside a house to surrender and that they won't be harmed.

Braving chilly weather conditions and snowfall, families and relatives of Zubair Ahmad Lone, a resident of Shopian, and Athar Mushtaq Wani, a class 11th student who belonged to Pulwama, protested at Press Enclave. Security forces say the two along with Aijaz Maqbool Ganai were killed in a two-day encounter on December 30.

"My son was only 16 years old. He was not a militant," said Mushtaq Ahmad Wani, father of Athar.

Fair probe way to satisfy kin

NC vice president Omar Abdullah said, "Only a fair and transparent probe, already promised by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha will satisfy the families

"I want justice. I don't want money. I want the body of my son so that I can give it a proper burial," said an ailing Mushtaq. He has dug up an open grave for his son at his ancestral graveyard at Belou, Pulwama. Athar was the only son of his parents. Mohammad Shafi, brother of another slain youth Zubair Ahmad, said his brother was innocent. "The police are giving conflicting statements. Why cannot this encounter be probed? We are not demanding money. We want a thorough investigation. We want police to prove that our wards were militants," he said.

Citing the July 18 Shopian encounter, he said the Army and police had claimed to have killed three youth in an encounter, but later it turned out to be staged in which three labourers from Rajouri were killed.

The police have said although the three were not listed militants but "two of them were Over Ground Workers (OGWs) of militants and reportedly, the third might have joined very recently".

BJP report card on cow gets Cong's goat

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

THE ruling BJP in Assam has signalled a clearer political agenda ahead of Assembly elections, expected in April. It came out with a report card on 'Gaumata' on Monday, just days after passing a Bill in the Assembly to convert the over 700 state-run madrasas into general schools.

"CM Shri @sarbanandsonwal's tough stance against Cow Smuggling has led to sustained massive crackdown on the menace, ensuring protection of the livestock that has been revered for thousands of years. Here's a look at some figures," a tweet of the Assam CM's Office, captioned as "Protecting the Gaumata", reads.

The BJP let the electorate take a peek at the report card that fits well with the party's core narrative. However, the timing of it and the use of the north Indian Hindutva lexicon has raised questions.

As per figures shared, 20,061 cattle were seized, 1,103 cases registered and 1,513 smugglers arrested since June 2016. Opposition Congress was quick to react. "We have The Assam Cattle Preservation Act, 1950 (Assam Act 13 of 1951) for protection of cattle. So, we know how to protect our cattle," Congress spokesperson Bobeeta Sarma said.

She asked the BJP to read the Act before doing politics on "Gaumata", a word, she said, never used in Assam.

"Cow smuggling has been on the rise during BJP rule in Assam. Lafiqul Islam, young All Bodoland Minority Students' Union leader, was known to have been a whistle-blower of a cow smuggling racket involving powerful people. He was killed and till now, BJP government has not taken any action against the murderers nor have they been able to bring to book the masterminds of this huge racket. So, the question arises who is encouraging cow smuggling?" Sarma asked.

Veggies from Dhoni's farm to hit Dubai markets

Vegetables from former cricket captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni's farm house are all set to hit markets in Dubai. State's Agriculture Department has taken the responsibility of sending vegetables from Dhoni's farm to abroad. Negotiations are also in its final stages and the agency — All Season Farm Fresh — has been selected for sending vegetables to Dubai. The agency has been engaged by the State government to send consignment of vegetables to Gulf countries. Dhoni has a massive fan following in Dubai

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RANCHI DIARY

State announces foreign scholarship for ST students

The Jharkhand government has announced scholarships to 10 talented Scheduled Tribe (ST) students every year for pursuing studies in leading foreign universities. Scholarships will be given to students pursuing their masters or MPhil programmes in select subjects at particular foreign universities. According to officials, the decision was taken as local students do not get enough scope for proper utilization of their talent primarily because of limited opportunities available within the state. Instituted in memory of the iconic tribal leader, it will be known as the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Foreign Scholarship Scheme 2020

Jharkhand issues advisory over spread of bird flu

The fear of the spread of bird flu amid the Covid-19 has put the state governments on an alert. After detection of bird flu virus in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand government has also issued an advisory to all the districts to report unnatural deaths of birds to the animal husbandry department. They have also been asked to send samples of such birds to laboratories. Though, the veterinarians claimed that no sign of bird flu has been reported anywhere in the State, the farm owners, as precautionary measure, have been asked to contact veterinary doctors in case of death of 10 birds or more at a time.

Govt committed to honouring martyrs

Government would make every effort in tracing out martyrs and their kin and ensure their felicitation and provide jobs to them. Addressing a gathering at Kharsawan, Chief Minister Hemant Soren said that it was his government, which had traced out martyrs and their relatives of the Gua firing incident and gave government jobs to them. It was during the short tenure of the Hemant Soren government in 2013-14 that dependents of the martyrs of Gua firing were given government jobs. Soren also claimed that a commission has been set up to identify the revolutionaries (freedom fighters for separate statehood) but there are problems as there is a long list of such revolutionaries.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **PAZHANIVELU. R**, S/o G. Ramu, aged about 50 years, R/at No.14/88, Fruit Street, Kamaraj Road Cross, Bangalore 560 001. I have lost my Original Sale Deed of Residential premises bearing Corporation No.30, situated at 3rd Main Road, 6th Cross, Ayyappa Temple Block, Sonnenahalli Vannarpet, Bangalore 560047, vide **document Registration No.3992/2002-03**, executed by R. Kasthuri in favour of me, in the office of the Senior Sub-registrar Shivajinagar, Bangalore while transit but so for it is not traced out. A Police Complaint has been lodged with regard to the Loss of the Said Sale Deed on 23.12.2020. So I request the general public if any found the said original documents please inform and contact me in the above said address.

M. SRINIVASA, Advocate
#1391, 17th 'A' Main, 35th Cross, HBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar Post, B-43. Mob: 9845123870

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the public and any of the relatives of Mr. Sharif Sait @ Iyaz Sharif S/o Abdul Azeez residing at No.1, 3rd cross Thimappareddy Layout, Hulimavu, Bangalore-560076 as having many health problem from 8 yrs so dealing with him in any legal matters of the properties No.69, 7th Main, BTM 2nd stage, Bangalore-560076. Schedule East by : Site 70, West by : Road, North : Site 16, South : BDA land even dealing in land in Bychapura Gauribidnur Taluk without the consent of wife Javeria sharif and sons Shezan Sharif and Faizan Sharif will be invalid in the eyes of law.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned advocate on behalf my clients **1) Smt. Munirathnamma .B R/at No.E6, T.C.H. Collage Road, Arebik Collage Post, Nagavara, Bangalore North Taluk 2) Smt. Manjula R/at :- Kolavanahalli Village, Nandi Hobli, Chikkaballapur Taluk and Dist 3) Smt. Shilpa R/at Nakkanahalli Village, Nandi Hobli, Chikkaballapur Taluk and Dist,** they have filed petition for death certificate of Petitioner's Mother Namely **Yallamma W/o Basavaraju was died on 04-7-2005** at petitioner's mother Residence of Meenukunte Hosur Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, If any dispute regarding the same can appear before the Additional Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli and date of hearing **on 16-1-2021 at 11.00 am** in C.Mis. No. 272/2020.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli.

K. MANJUNATHA, Advocate
Vega Law Associates, No. 10, Appaji Nilaya,
Venkatappa Layout East, Shanthinagar South,
Devanahalli Town.

SBI STATE BANK OF INDIA

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A/c.No.: HTL 37660693409

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule 8(1) (For immovable property)

WHEREAS,

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 28.09.2020, calling upon the borrowers: (1) **Sri Rajesh S**, s/o Shiva Shankar Das and (2) **Smt. Nanda G K,** w/o Rajesh S to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 44,06,384.00 (Rupees forty four lakh six thousand three hundred and eighty four only)** as on 28.09.2020 and interest & expenses thereon, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the 30th day of December month of the year 2020.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of State Bank of India, for an amount of **Rs.44,89,980.00 (Rupees forty four lakh eighty nine thousand nine hundred and eighty only)** as on 30.12.2020 and further interest from 31.12.2020 costs, etc., thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Schedule 'A' Property

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing New Sy.No.223 (Old Sy.No.173) of the converted land to a total extent of 2 acres, vide Conversion order bearing No.ALN(A).SR-107/2010-11 dated 17.03.2010, situated at Indlable Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, and bounded on the:

East by: Sarjapura Main Road — West by: Sy.No.173
North by: Sy.Nos.180 & 181 — South by: Sai Layout.

Schedule 'B' Property

372 Sq.Ft undivided share, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property.

Schedule 'C' Property

Two-Bedroom-Apartment bearing Flat No. D306, in D Block, now bearing Bidaraguppe Grampanchayath e-khatha No 150200100200320676, Flat No.248/D-306, on the Third Floor of the apartment building known as "SIGMA SERENITY" constructed on the Schedule A Property with Super Built-up area of 1,007 Sq.ft, (which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the apartments and proportionate share in common areas and a share in the club house area) together with one covered car parking space in the basement.

Vide sale deed registered as document No. BSG-I-01937-2018-19 stored in CD No. BSGD330 dated 25.06.2018 at SRO Basavanagudi, Bengaluru.

Place: Hosur
Date: 30.12.2020 — **Authorized Officer**

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C AT NELAMANGALA
C. MIS. No. 405/2020

BETWEEN: **Sri G. Gangarajaiah** S/o Late Gangaiah, aged about 64 years, R/at Jakkasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. ... **Petitioner**
And: The Thahasildar, The Registrar of Births And Deaths, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. ... **Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Where as the petitioners above named has presented petition to this **HON'BLE COURT UNDER SECTION 13(3) OF REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS ACT 1969,** for order direct the respondent authority to get enter the date of death of petitioners **Mother** by name **MUNIAKKAYAMMA W/o late GANGAIAH** was died on **05-03-1966** in Petitioner father house at Mallarabanavadi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk. Bangalore Rural District. The HON'BLE court has fixed on **25-01-2021** for hearing of the petition and that if any person/s desire to oppose the said petition or claim or interest shall appear before the HON'BLE COURT in person or pleader duly instructed at 11. AM failing which the said application will be heard and determined as exparte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on 28-12-2020.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge (Junior Division) and JMFC, Nelamangala.

Advocate for Petitioner **VENKATEGOWDA**
V.G.J LAW ASSOCIATES, ADVOCATES,
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Bangalore Rural District.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE C.J.M. AT BANGALORE
C.MIS.NO. 447/2020

BETWEEN: 1) Sri Gajendra J, S/o. Jawara Gowda T, Aged about 35 years, 2) Sri. **Jawara Gowada** T, S/o Thimme Gowda, Aged about 63 years. Both are residing at No. 23, 4th Cross, Vigneshwara Nagar, Andhrahalli, Bangalore - 560 061. ...PETITIONER
AND: THE COMMISSIONER OF BIRTHS & DEATHS, Bruhat, Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, N.R. Square, Bangalore-560091 ...RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

In the above case the petitioner has filed the petition for issue of the death certificate of 1st petitioner's mother and 2nd petitioner's wife **Smt. Yashodamma, W/o Jawara Gowda T,** died on 17-10-2017 at No. 446, Andhrahalli Village, Bangalore – 560066. If any parties who have got any objections with regard to issue of Death Certificate may appear before the Hon'ble CJM, Bangalore on **03-2-2021** at **about 11.00 a.m.**

Given under my hand and seal of the court dated this the 30th day of December 2020

By Order of the Court,
Sd/- Sheristedar, Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate,
Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore.

Coal India Limited
(A Maharatna Company)

"All the tenders issued by CIL and its Subsidiaries for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on website of Coal India Ltd **www.coalindia.in/** respective Subsidiary Company, CIL e-procurement portal **https://coalindiatenders.nic.in** and Central Public Procurement Portal **https://eprocure.gov.in**. In addition, procurement is also done through GeM portal **https://gem.gov.in**".

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public are hereby informed that our clients Sri. B.A. Vishwanath Singh, S/o. Late A.R. Singh, R. Muniyappa, S/o. Late Ramanna are intends to purchase below mentioned properties.

Property No.1

The Land bearing Sy.No. 5, new No. 5/P10, measuring to an extent of 1 acre 27 guntas situated at **Mallanayakanahally Village, Doddabelavangala Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk.**

East : Land of Muttarayappa, West : Land of Chikkarudrayya, North : Land of Sri. D.R. Sanaulla, South : Land of Hanumantharayappa.

Property No.2

The land bearing Sy.No.5, new No. 5/P3 measuring to an extent of 1 acre 36 guntas situated at **Mallanayakanahally Village, Doddabelavangala Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk.**

East : Land of Muttarayappa, West : Land of Chikkarudrayya, North : Land of Muttamma, South : Land of Veerabhadrayya.

These above two properties from its owner from its owner and who are in possession i.e. **Sri. D.R. Sanaulla Khan S/o RahamatullaKhan** and others are R/at Doddbelavangala Town, Doddaballapur Taluk.

If any person/Institution/ Bank having any right, title claim or Interest in the Schedule property or have any objection in any manner whatsoever regarding title or sale transaction in respect of the schedule property between my clients and its absolute owners are hereby called upon to notify the undersigned and file objections/claims if any along with supporting documents within 30 days from the date of Publication at the address mentioned below. If no such claim is received within specified period. It would be deemed that the above mentioned owners have clear and marketable title to the schedule property and no others have any right, title, claim or interest over the schedule property and no others have any right, title, claim or interest over the Schedule Property.

H.M. MADHUSUDHANA, Advocate
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Form No. 14 (See Regulation 33(2))
DRC No. 2199/17

Canara Bank, Chamarajpet Branch, Bangalore-560018 ...Certificate Holder

Versus

Sri K.R. Ravindra & Anr Defendant

DEMAND NOTICE

1. Sri K.R. Ravindra S/o Late K. Ramaiah Shetty Proprietor of Universal Travel Lines, No 176 1st Main, K.G. Nagara, Bangalore - 560019
2. Smt K.R. Bhagyalakshmi, W/o Late K. Ramaiah Shetty, No 176 1st Main, K.G. Nagara, Bangalore - 560019 ..Defendants

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **O.A. No.686/2013** passed by the Ho'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore an amount of **Rs.29,88,568/-** (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Eight Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A. till realization of the recovery certificate.

In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **14th day of August 2017**

Sd- Recovery Officer-1,
DRT-2, Bengaluru

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:

"Rule 16 (1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debt Recovery Officer, nor shall any Civil Court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.(2) Where an attachment has been made under this Schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".
(3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 years.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that, **Sri. Prakash. K .C** S/o late. Chennegowda, has lost the original Sale deed date: 31.07.2004, registered as Document No.BLN-1-21384/2004-05 in Book-1, Stored in CD.No.BLND41, SRO-Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, pertaining to the property Site No.134, Assessment.No.55/9, Situated at Shrigandhakavalu Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East to West 40 Feet., and North to South 18 Feet, in totally measuring 720 Sq feet. A Complaint dated 23.07.2020 (NCR.No.672/2020) is lodged in the Karnakshipalya Police Station. Finders may return the same to the above said Police Station or Contact at the below address.

PRASHANTH. KUMAR. K, "LEX FACTUM", Advocates and Legal Consultants,
No.365, First Floor, Near Bhashyam Circle,
Rajajinagar 3rd Block, Bangalore-560 010
Contact No: 9901296858/080-2340442.

IN THE COURT OF PRL. CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT HOSKOTE
C. Misc. No. 294/2020

Between: 1. Y. Nagaraju S/o Late Yallareddy, aged about 65 years, **2. Veerareddy** S/o Late Yallareddy, aged about 63 years, **3. Narayanareddy** S/o Late Yallareddy, aged about 56 years, **4. Srinivasa Reddy** S/o Late Yallareddy, aged about 55 years, **5. Manjunatha Reddy** S/o Late Yallareddy, aged about 53 years, All are R/a Doddadunnasandra Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. ... **Petitioner**
And: The Tahasildar (Death and Birth Division), Hosakote Taluk, Hosakote. ... **Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioners have field the above petition seeking the direction to the respondent for issuance of death certificate of **NANJAMMA W/o YALLAREDDY** was died on **01-01-2007** in the house at Doddadunnasandra Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, who is mother of petitioners, The case is posted for appearance of interested parties / publics on **12-02-2021** at 11.00 AM before the above said court. Hence, interested parties are hereby required it, appear in person / pleader /advocate at 11.00 AM before the Principal Civil Judge and JMFC at Hosakote. Failing which the above case will be disposed as Exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on 28-12-2020.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, Civil Judge And JMFC, Hosakote.

Advocate for the petitioners: **Sri Lakshmi** Hosakote Town-562114, Bengaluru Rural District.

IN THE COURT OF PRL. CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT HOSKOTE
C. Misc. No. 295/2020

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And: The Tahasildar (Death and Birth Division), Hosakote Taluk, Hosakote. ... **Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioners have field the above petition seeking the direction to the respondent for issuance of death certificate of **YALLAREDDY S/o Late Thimmareddy** was died on **15-02-1984** in the house at Doddadunnasandra Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, who is father of petitioners, The case is posted for appearance of interested parties / publics on **12-02-2021** at 11.00 AM before the above said court. Hence, interested parties are hereby required it, appear in person / pleader /advocate at 11.00 AM before the Principal Civil Judge and JMFC at Hosakote. Failing which the above case will be disposed as Exparte.

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Advocate for the petitioners: **Sri Lakshmi** Hosakote Town-562114, Bengaluru Rural District.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the General Public that during transits my client **Sri. J.S. Ramalingiaha,** who is the successor / legal heir and Husband of **Smt. Late. H.N.Suma,** who inherit the SCHEDULE PROPERTY hereunder, has lost the Original Sale Deed, dated 11.06.2004, registered as document No.BLN-1-10604/2004-05, Book-1, stored in CD No.BLND12, in the Office of the Sub-Register, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. A police Compliant before Crime Branch, Bangalore City Police in Lost report No.141616/2020 is registered. Whoever finds it is hereby request to return the same to the undersigned immediately. Anyone found in possession in spite of this Notice will be deemed to be in unauthorised and illegal possession of it and shall be liable for any misuse of the same.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

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Address for Service :
GANESH SHET .H, Advocate,
No. 3/40, 02nd Floor, KHB Colony,
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Ph: 9972090185
Email ID: shet100@yahoo.co.in
Date: 04.01.2021

IN THE COURT OF THE VIIP ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE
P& SC No. 384/2020 (CCH-15)

BETWEEN: 1. Ms. Vinita Ganapathy, D/o. Late Mr. Kodimanianda Belliappa Somana Aged 63 years Residing at Wadderhalli Estate Sidapur - 571 253, Kodagu Represented by her POA holder, Mr. Kodimanianda Somana Subbiah **2. Mr. Kodimanianda Somana Subbiah** S/o. Late Mr. Kodimanianda Belliappa Somana Aged 61 years Residing at No.3, Cubbon View Apartments D'souza Layout, Vittal Mallya Road Bengaluru – 560 001. **PETITIONERS**

AND

NIL **RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above-named Petitioners have made a Petition to this Hon'ble Court under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, praying for grant of Succession Certificate in favour of the Petitioners in respect of the properties that have been listed in the Schedule A, Schedule B and Schedule C hereunder, left by Late Mr. Kodimanianda Belliappa Somana who died on June 25, 2016, at Bangalore.

Interested parties are hereby, warned to appear in this Court in person or by a Pleader duly instructed on the 2nd day of Feb. 2020, at 11.00 A.M. in forenoon to show cause against the Petition, failing wherein, the matter will be heard and determined.

SCHEDULE A PROPERTY

Statement of holdings with valuation as on September 17, 2020, maintained at BgSE Financials Limited, Bangalore.

Sl.No.	ISIN	ISIN Description	Quantity	Value in Rupees
1.	INE079A01024	AMBUJA CEMENTS LIMITEDEQ NEW	3000	6,80,900.00
2.	INE263A01024	FV RS. 2/BHARAT ELECTRONICS LIMITEDEQ	66,000	68,34,300.00
3.	INE259A01022	NEW FV Re 1/COLGATE-PALMOLIVE (INDIA)	1,000	13,97,500.00
4	INE083K01001	LIMITEDED NEW FV RS. 1/	10,200	2,17,07,640.00
5	INE042A01014	ESCORTS LIMITED EQ	1,100	1,43,275.00
6	INE159A01016	GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS LTD EQ	12,000	12,73,600.00
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8	INE040A0103	HDFC BANK LIMITED EQ NEW FV RE. 11	344	7,90,770.00
9.	INE038A01020	HINDALCO INDUSTRIES LIMITED EQ NEW FV RE. 1/-	400	10,600.00
10	INE573A01042	JK TYRE & INDUSTRIES LIMITED EQ NEW FV RS. 2/-	1000	8,450.00
11	INE266B01017	KINETIC ENGINEERING LIMITED EQ	500	5,000.00
12	INE018A01030	LARSEN AND TOUBRO LIMITED EQ NEW FV RS.2/	6000	11,72,700.00
13	INE865A01018	MTZ (INDIA) LTD EQ	4070	4,54,415.50
14	INE013A01015	RELIANCE CAPITAL LIMITED EQ	416	10,23,755.20
15	INE330H01018	RELIANCE COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED EQ	35,440	1,94,31,752.00
16	INE217K01011	RELIANCE HOME FINANCE LIMITED EQ	1,000	12,83,650.00
17	INE002A01018	RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LIMITED EQ	2,500	3,69, 125.00
18	INE003601016	RELIANCE INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED EQ	1316	5,24,889.20
19	INE614G01033	RELIANCE POWER LIMITED EQ. NEW RS. 10	4704	37,01,812.80
20	INES77L01016	STEL HOLDINGS LIMITED EQ	3570	1,78,500.00
21	INE092A01019	TATA CHEMICALS LIMITED EQ	500	34,650.00
22	INE467B01029	TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES LIMITED EQ NEW FV RE.1/-	7,500	39.79.125.00
23	INE192A01025	TATA CONSUMER PRODUCTS LIMITED EQ NEW F.V. RE.1/	42,800	13,25,088.00
			TOTAL	8,69,78,868.40

All bonuses applicable in respect of the securities detailed as Schedule A Property herein above.

SCHEDULE B PROPERTY

Statement of holdings with valuation as on September 17, 2020, maintained at Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited, Bangalore.

Sl.No.	ISIN	ISIN Description	Quantity	Value in Rupees
1.	INE079A01024	AMBUJA CEMENTS LIMITEDEQ NEW	3000	6,80,900.00
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All bonuses applicable in respect of the securities detailed as Schedule B Property herein above.

SCHEDULE C PROPERTY

All the monies, including any amount of interest that may have accrued, comprised in ni the savings account held in the name of Late Mr. Kodimanianda Belliappa Somana, bearing Saving Bank Account No.520101237232568, at Corporation Bank, Vontikoppal branch, Mysore. Given under my hand and seal of the Court on the 29th day of December 2020.

By Order of the Court,
Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore
Advocate Name and Adress: NDS Law Patners, Attorney at Law, C-5, Rich Homes, 5/1, Richmon Road, Bengaluru-560025.

TUMKUR VEERASHAIVA CO-OP BANK LTD,

A.O. Dr. S. Radhakrishna Road, S.S. Puram, Tumkur - 572102,
Ph No. : 0816 - 2254394, Fax : 2254027, E-Mail : tvcbho@yahoo.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd.,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the following Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest / cost etc,. **within 60 days** from the date of the said notice. Details of demand notices such as date of issue and loan outstanding amount are mentioned against each borrower under.

1. **Name of the Borrowers / Mortgagers/Guarantors: (1). Mr. C M Nagaraj** S/o Muniyappa **(2).Mrs. Sarvamangala** W/o C M Nagaraj **both are residing at**: No.289, Chokkasandra, T Dasarahalli, Bangalore-560057.
Branch : Nagarabhavi Branch **Demand notice dated : 27.11.2019**
Possession Notice Date : 30.12.2020
Total amount mentioned in the notice: Rs. 1,48,47,666/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Eight Lakhs Forty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Six Only) as on 30.12.2020 and interest thereon.
Description Of The Immovable Properties : IITEM No.1: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.7, allotted by Chokkasandra Group Panchayath, situated at Chokkasandra Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, now coming under the BBMP limits bearing katha No.96/95, **measuring East to West**: 50feet and **North to South**: 35 feet, totally 1750 sq. ft. **Bounded By: East:** Chokkasandra Main Road, **West:** 10 feet Road, **North:** Site No.8, **South:** Site No.6.
ITEM No.2: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.1/10, Katha No.06, situated at Chokkasandra Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Now coming under the BBMP limit bearing Site No.1/10, Katha No.06/C/1/10, **measuring East to West :** 86 ft. **North to South** 18 feet, totally 1548 sq. ft. **Bounded By: East:** 10 feet Road, **West:** Panchayath Land, **North:** Private Property, **South:** Remaining portion of the same property.
2. **Name of the Borrowers / Mortgagers/Guarantors: (1).Mr. Manjunath N** S/o Late M Nanjundappa **(2).Mrs. Shreedevi Manjunath** W/o Manjunath **(3). Kumari Revathi Manjunath** D/o Manjunath **all are residing at:** No.82, 11th Cross, Balaji Layout, Mallathahalli Village, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore-560072.
Branch : Nagarabhavi Branch, **Demand notice dated : 27.11.2019**
Possession Notice Date : 30.12.2020
Total amount mentioned in the notice: Rs.2,97,85,743/- (Rupees Two Crores Ninety Seven Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Three Only) as on **30.12.2020** and interest thereon.
Description Of The Immovable Properties : Item No.I: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.82, formed in Converted Land bearing Sy. No.85/2, and 85/3 and katha No.456/85/2, vide conversion Order O.M No.B.DIS.ALN.SR(N)42/95-96, dated: 20.01.1996, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and Order No.ALN.SR.41/95-96, dated 24.07.1995, issued by the Tahasildar, Bangalore North Taluk, Situated at Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Now coming under Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, measuring East to West 40ft. and North to South 60ft. Bounded By: East: Road, West: Site No.83, North: Road, South: Site No.86.
Item No.II: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.83, formed in Converted Land bearing Sy. No.85/2, and 85/3 and katha No.455/85/2, vide conversion Order O.M No.B.DIS.ALN.SR(N)42/95-96, dated: 20.01.1996, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and Order No.ALN.SR.41/95-96, dated 24.07.1995, issued by the Tahasildar, Bangalore North Taluk, Situated at Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Now coming under Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, **measuring East to West** 40ft. and **North to South** 60ft, **Bounded By: East:** Site No.82, **West:** Site No.84, **North:** Road, **South:** Site No.85. Totally measuring 4800 square feet.
3. **Name of the Borrowers / Mortgagers/Guarantors: (1). Mr. T.S. Chandrashekaraiah** S/o T N Srikanta Shastry **(2). Smt. H.S.Gowri** W/o T.S. Chandrashekaraiah **(3).Mr.Shankarprasad** S/o T.S. Chandrashekaraiah **(4).Ms.Krithika** D/o T.S. Chandrashekaraiah **all are residing at:** No.289-A, Shankara Krupa, 1st A Cross, 7th Main, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bangalore-560079
Branch : Chamrajpet Branch, **Demand notice dated : 18.11.2019**
Possession Notice Date : 31.12.2020
Total amount mentioned in the notice: **Rs.2,29,92,740/-** (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Nine Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Only) as on **31.12.2020** and interest thereon.
Description Of The Immovable Properties : All that piece and parcel of property bearing House No.289, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, 1st A Cross, PID No.18-3-289, Ward No.18, Basaveshwara Nagara, Bangalore, **measuring East to West** (18.60+19.10)/2 Meters, **North to South** 19.00+20.00/2 meters, total 367.57 Square Meters. **Bounded By: East:** Road, **West:** Property No.288, **North:** Property No.290, **South:** Road.

The above borrowers / Mortgagers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers and the public in general that the under signed has taken possession of the properties described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said act read with the rule 8 of the said Rules on above dates.

The Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd.,** for the amount mentioned against their names with further interest accrued thereon cost.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 31.12.2020 — **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore — **Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd.,**

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डाकविभाग सिविल वर्ग/DEPARTMENT OF POSTS - CIVIL WING

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चेन्नई–600 008./ CHENNAI-600 008. Ph: 044-28217289.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (e-tendering Mode)
**निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना (ई–निविदा विधि)

$4 million
won by Indian-origin person in UAE lucky draw on Monday

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	-4	-13	SNY	Los Angeles	18	5	SNY
Colombo	29	23	TDS	Melbourne	22	11	LC
Dhaka	26	15	SNY	Moscow	-7	-7	SNY
Dubai	25	15	SNY	New York	4	-3	LC
Houston	22	18	SNY	Singapore	31	25	TDS
Istanbul	16	11	LR	Toronto	-2	-6	LC
London	5	1	LC	Washington	4	-4	SNY

Former Pentagon heads warn prez not to use military in poll dispute

WASHINGTON

In an extraordinary rebuke of US President Donald Trump, all 10 living former secretaries of defence have cautioned against any move to involve the military in pursuing claims of election fraud, arguing that it would take the country into 'dangerous, unlawful and unconstitutional territory.'

The 10 men, both Democrats and Republicans, signed on to an opinion article published in *The Washington Post* on Sunday that implicitly questioned Trump's willingness to follow his Constitutional duty to peacefully relinquish power on January 20. Following the November 3 election and subsequent recounts in some states, as well as unsuccessful court challenges, the outcome is clear, they wrote.

"The time for questioning the results has passed; the time for the formal counting of the electoral college votes, as prescribed in the Constitution and statute, has arrived," the former secretaries wrote.

The former Pentagon chiefs warned against use of the military in any effort to change the outcome. "Efforts to involve the US armed forces in resolving election disputes would take us into dangerous, unlawful and unconstitutional territory,' they wrote. "Civilian and military officials who direct or carry out such measures would be accountable, including potentially facing criminal penalties, for the grave consequences of their actions on our republic."

A number of senior military officers, including Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, have said publicly in recent weeks that the military has no role in determining the outcome of US elections and that their loyalty is to the Constitution. *AP*

MAJOR ESCALATION

IRAN BEGINS 20% NUKE ENRICHMENT

The most significant breach till date by Tehran of the 2015 nuclear agreement; move sparks global concern

TEHRAN

IRAN said on Monday it had started the process to enrich uranium to 20 percent purity, well beyond the threshold set by its 2015 nuclear deal with major powers, sparking international concern.

The move at its underground Fordow facility was confirmed by UN watchdog the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

It was the most important suspension yet of Iranian commitments under the landmark deal, a process it started in 2019 in response to US President Donald Trump's dramatic withdrawal from the accord in 2019.

"The process for producing 20 percent enriched uranium has started at Shahid Alimohammadi enrichment complex (Fordow)," government spokesman Ali Rabiei said in comments quoted by the state broadcaster.

President Hassan Rouhani had ordered the enrichment "in recent days" and "the gas injection process started as of hours ago," he said. Foreign Minister Javad Zarif tweeted that "we resumed 20% enrichment as legislated by our parliament," adding that the IAEA had been "duly notified".

He stressed that Tehran took the step "after years of non-compliance" by other parties and that "our measures are fully reversible upon FULL compliance by ALL".

The step comes less than three weeks before the end of the presidency of Trump, who has sought to economically punish and diplomatically isolate Iran with a "maximum pressure" campaign, including tough sanctions.

The Iranian government has signalled a readiness to engage with US President-elect Joe Biden, who has expressed willingness to return to diplomacy with Tehran. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reacted angrily and charged it proved Iran is seeking to build an atomic bomb — a claim the Islamic republic has always denied. *AFP*

South Korean-flagged oil tanker being escorted by Iran | AP

FROM ZERO TO NINETY

Enriching a supply of uranium means boosting its concentration of the type of uranium that can power a nuclear reaction

That type, or isotope, is called U-235. Enrichment basically means stripping away atoms of another isotope, called U-238

When uranium is mined, it typically has about 140 atoms of this unwanted isotope for every atom of U-235. Refining it to a purity of 3.67%, the level that was allowed by the 2015 nuclear deal, means removing 114 unwanted atoms of U-238 for every atom of U-235

Boosting its purity to 20% means removing 22 more unwanted isotopes per atom of U-235, while going from there to 90% purity means removing just four more per atom of U-235

Warship to stay in Gulf

The United States reversed a decision to bring an aircraft carrier home from the Persian Gulf region late on Sunday, with the Pentagon saying that due to "recent threats" by Iran, the USS Nimitz would stay

'Calls for revenge'

Thousands of Iraqi mourners chanted "revenge" and "no to America" on Sunday, a year after a US drone strike killed Iran's commander Qasem Soleimani and his lieutenant Abu Mahdi

Revolutionary Guards seize South Korean ship

TEHRAN

IRAN said on Monday its Revolutionary Guards had seized a South Korean-flagged tanker in Gulf waters for breaking "environmental laws," at a time of heightened tensions with the United States.

Seoul demanded the release of the Hankuk Chemi and its multinational crew of 20 and deployed its military's anti-piracy unit to the area close to the strategic Straits of Hormuz.

The Guards said on their Sepahnews website that the ship carrying 7,200 tonnes of oil chemical products "was seized by our force's (navy) this morning".

"This tanker was headed from Saudi Arabia's Al Jubail port and was seized due to the repeated infringement of maritime environmental laws," it added.

Iran's foreign ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh said in a statement the tanker's seizure was over a "purely technical issue and due to polluting the sea".

The seizure came days before South Korea's deputy foreign minister was due to visit Tehran, according to Iran's foreign ministry, as Iran wants South Korea to release billions in its assets held as a result of American economic sanctions.

The Guards said the arrested crew were from South Korea, Indonesia, Vietnam and Myanmar. *AFP*

SHROUDED IN SECRECY

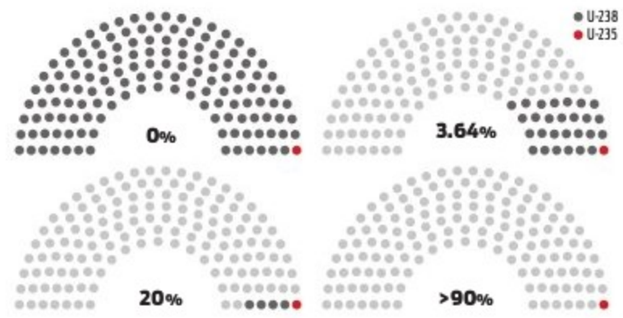
Shielded by the mountains, Fordo is ringed by anti-aircraft guns and other fortifications. It is about the size of a football field, large enough to house 3,000 centrifuges, but small and hardened enough to lead US officials to suspect it had a military purpose when they exposed the site publicly in 2009

If this announcement is going to be implemented... it would constitute a considerable departure from Iran's nuclear commitments under the JCPOA

Peter Stano, EU spokesperson

SPINNING IT

Uranium is spun at high-speeds on centrifuges—the process creates an immense centrifugal force that separates the lighter U-235 from the heavier U-238



Uranium has about 140 atoms of non-fissile U-238 for every atom of U-235. The graph above shows how enrichment changes this composition

Inching closer to nuclear power

Iran began enriching uranium on Monday to levels unseen since its 2015 nuclear deal with world powers

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
I.D., Ports and Inland Water Transport Department
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No. EE/P&F/UDUPI/AE/Tender Notification-27/2020-21 Date: 30-12-2020.
Invitation for tenders (IFT) Two Cover System
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Tender is invited in E-procurement to execute below mentioned work. To participate in E-procurement and for more information may be obtained in **(http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** website. For further Extension refer above mentioned website. No separate paper notification will be issued.

(1) Name of work and Indent Number: Construction of sea protection work at Sea Shore opposite to Kundarpura Kodi Highgoli (Temple) Bus Stop (Ch 98.900 to 99.300) in Kundapura Taluk (working ch 98.900 to 99.365) (Indent No. 133070). **Approx. Amount put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs):** 4,40,28,603.55. **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD Amount):** Rs. 6.61 lakhs (Rs. 1.00 lakh in E-payment + Rs. 5.61 lakhs as mentioned in bid document). **Last date for quarries:** 14-01-2021 at 16.00 hours. **Date of receipt of Tender:** 16-01-2021 at 17.00 hours.

Sd/-, Executive Engineer
Port & Fisheries Division, Udupi
DIPR/UDUPI/FW/597/20-21 dt.04.01.2021

University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga Estate Officer's Office, Navile, Shivamogga
Short Term Tender Notification (Through e-procurement portal only)

No. UAHS(S)/EO/TN-SPO-24/Equipments/2020-21/437 Date : 04.01.2021

The University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga has invited Short Term Tender as the Standard tender document KG-1 and KG-2 from the reputed firms for the procurement of the following equipments. The details of the KG-1, KG-2 Tender Notification, Condition of two cover system, schedule specifications are available in website: **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. The tender form fees, is as per the e-procrement portal norms. The EMD & Tender processing fee shall be paid using e-procurement payment modes.

Schedule of Events

1. Last date for uploading the Tender documents upto 4.00 pm: **19.01.2021.**
2. Technical bid Opening on 10.00 am at Stores Purchase Office, UAHS, Navile, Shivamogga: **21.01.2021.**
3. Financial bid Opening on 10.00 a.m at Store Purchase Office, UAHS, Navile, Shivamogga: **23.01.2021.**

The University reserves the right to accept or all the tenders without assigning any reasons Further, details can be had from undersigned during office hours and also refer website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The Tenderers need to register with e-procurement portal and to obtain user ID and Password for participating in e-procurement. For more details, contact e-portal helpdesk or 080-23010900 and 080-23010901 from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm on all working days, and The Stores Purchase officer, Central Stores, UAHS, Navile, Shivamogga-577 204, Phone No: 08182-267008

Sd/-
Estate Officer
DIPR/SMG/No.11-01/ZENKAR/2020-21

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001
Corporate Identity No. : U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website : www.pspcl.in
(O/o CE/TS, B-1, Shakti Vihar, Patiala)
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

Tender Enquiry No.	211/SS-IMD)		
Short Description / Quantity	Manufacture, Testing, Supply & Delivery of below mentioned items.		
	11 KV outdoor Auto-reclosers for incoming along with communication arrangement with pre-determined mobile no./nos. (in no.)	02	
	11 KV outdoor Auto-reclosers for outgoing along with communication arrangement with pre-determined mobile no./nos. (in no.)	08	
	Only communication hardware (along with requisite no. of Modem / associated equipments) for communication of already existing 2 nos. 66 kV transformer panels, 2 nos. capacitor contrl VCBs having already existing 61850 compliant relay & 2 nos. battery charger with pre-determined mobile phone no./nos. (in sets)	02 set	
	11 KV 800A Outdoor Isolators with Earth Swtich (in no.)	03	
	11 KV 400A Outdoor Isolators with Earth Swtich (in no.)	10	
	11 KV Outdoor CT of ratio 450-900/0.577-5A (in no.)	09	
	11 KV Outdoor CT of ratio 400/5A (in no.)	30	
	11 KV Outdoor PT (in no.)	09	
	11 KV Outdoor Capacitor switch (along with one common controller & auxiliary equipments) (in no.)	09	
EMD	Rs. 1,61,230/-(Maximum)	Rs.40,310/- (Minimum)	
Start date for Downloading of Tender specification	11.01.2021		
Last date of downloading of tender documents	09.02.2021 upto 11.30 Hrs.		
Last date of Bid submission	09.02.2021 upto 11.30 Hrs.		
Bid opening (Part-I&II)	10.02.2021 at 11.30 Hrs.		
Tender Documents	Detailed Tender documents can only be downloaded from website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in		
Contact No. of e-tendering agency (M/s. GePNIC)	0172-2970263, 0172-2970284		

In case tender process is not completed due to any reason, no **CORRIGENDUM** will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on PSPCL website **www.pspcl.in** and **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

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BEFORE THE HON'BLE C.M.M AT BANGALORE
C.MIS.NO. 4757/2020

BETWEEN: 1) Sri Sri S. Babu, S/o. S. Shivaji Rao, Aged about 57 years, 2) Sri. Sri S. Sundar Rao, S/o S. Shivaji Rao, Aged about 47 years. Both are residing at No. 16, Saraswathi Nilaya, Balaji Layout, 9th Main, 1st Cross, Tata Nagar Cross, Kodigehalli Main Road, Bangalore – 560 094. ...PETITIONER

AND: THE REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS & DEATHS, Office of the Commissioner, Bruhat, Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, N.R. Square, Bangalore-560002 .....RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

In the above case the petitioner has filed the petition for issue of the death certificate of their mother **Smt. SARASWATHI BAI, W/o Shivaji Rao S,** Died on 08-10-2011 at home at No. 16, Saraswathi Nilaya, balaji Layout 9th Main, 1st Cross, Tata nagar Cross, Kodige halli Main Road, Bangalore – 560094. If any parties who have got any objections with regard to issue of Death Certificate may appear before the Hon'ble CMM, Bangalore on **22-01-2021 at about 11.00 a.m.**

Given under my hand and seal of the court dated this the **10th** day of December 2020

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Sheristedar, C M M Court, Bangalore
Bangalore, Date: 10/12/2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that, my client, **Smt. Dr. S. SHALINI** Aged about 42 years, W/o, G. Ganesh Kumar, Residing at, Flat No. J 63, DLF Maiden Heights, Bommasandra Jigini Link Road, Bangalore- 560105, had intend to purchase the below mentioned Schedule property from its lawful owners.(1) Smt. jayamma w/o late lakshmayya @ lakshmaiah aged about 73 years, (2) smt .padma D/o late late lakshmayya @ lakshmaiah aged about 45 years., represented by their general power of attorney holder A partnership firm having its office at: 738, M/s. SANFILELD INFRATECH, Sumo Sapphire, 4th Floor, 15th Cross, J.P. Nagar, 6th Phase, Bangalore- 560078, Represented By its Managing Partners:- (1) Mr. Mohammed Rafi, Aged About 54 Years, S/o Sri H. Abdul Salam, (2) Mr. Soumaya Ranjan Maharana, Aged About 40 Years, S/o Sri Sudarshan Maharana. (3) Mr. Mohammed Faisal Rafi, Aged About 28 Years, S/o,Sri,Mohammed Rafi, (4) Mr. Mohammed Junaid Rafi, Aged About 23 Years, S/o Sri Mohammed Rafi. Represented by its authorized signatory partner. Mr. Mohammed Faisal Rafi,

Any person or persons, Bank, financial institutions etc, having any valid right, title interest or any claim over the Schedule Property or any portions of it., in any manner may with documentary evidence lodge their objections/ claim within 7 days from the date of this notice with the undersigned, if no valid objections are received within the stipulated date, our client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property of residential Flat bearing No.F-116, in the First Floor, A-Block, measuring to an extent of 875 Sq.ft, of Super built-up area, Containing Two Bed Room, together with RCC roofing, Vitrified flooring including proportionate share in common areas such as passages lobbies, Staircase and one covered car parking etc., along with 292.132 Sq.ft undivided right title and interest in the multistoried residential building complex known as **"RAGGA"** Constructed over Schedule Survey No.198/1, E- Katha No-150200102900220156, (Converted vide Office Memorandum No.ALN: (Jigani) SR:/56/2914-2015) , Measuring 0-25 Guntas, out of 30 guntas., Situated at, Koppa Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District. On Bounded on:- East:- Open to Air and Block B West: Corridor And Flat No.117, North : Open to Air and Flat No 114, South: Open to Air and Flat No.118.

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ROBERT H SCHULLER

Don heard on tape bullying official to find votes for him

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump pressured Georgia's Republican secretary of state to "find" enough votes to overturn Joe Biden's win in the state's presidential election, repeatedly citing disproven claims of fraud and raising the prospect of a "criminal offense" if officials did not change the vote count, according to a recording of the conversation.

The phone call with Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger on Saturday was the latest step in an unprecedented effort by a sitting president to press a state official to reverse the outcome of a free and fair election that he lost. The president, who has refused to accept his loss to Democratic president-elect Biden, repeatedly argued that Raffensperger could change the certified results.

"All I want to do is this. I just want to find 11,780 votes, which is one more than we have," Trump said. "Because we won the state."

Georgia counted its votes three times before certifying Biden's win by a 11,779 margin,

Legal experts have opined that Trump's action constitutes a breach of law | AP

Raffensperger noted. "President Trump, we've had several lawsuits, and we've had to respond in court to the lawsuits and the contentions," he said on the call. We don't agree that you have won."

Trump's renewed intervention and the persistent and unfounded claims of fraud come nearly two weeks before he leaves office and two days before twin runoff elections in Georgia that will determine political control of the. Senate.

The president used the hour-long conversation to tick through a list of claims about

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Donald Trump, US President

the election in Georgia, including that hundreds of thousands of ballots mysteriously appeared in Fulton County, which includes Atlanta. Officials have said there is no evidence of that happening.

The Georgia officials on the call are heard repeatedly pushing back against the president's assertions, telling him that he's relying on debunked theories and, in one case, selectively edited video.

At another point in the conversation, Trump appeared to threaten Raffensperger and Ryan Germany, the secretary of state's legal counsel, by suggesting both could be criminally liable if they failed to find that thousands of ballots in Fulton County had been illegally destroyed. "That's a criminal offense," Trump says. "You can't let that happen." *AFP*

LABOUR

In a first, Google employees create union

WASHINGTON

EMPLOYEES at Google and other units of parent firm Alphabet announced the creation on Monday of a union, aiming for a bigger role in company decisions, in a historic first at a tech company.

The Alphabet Workers Union, affiliated with the Communications Workers of America, aims to represent well-compensated tech workers as well as temporary workers and contractors, according to a statement.

The new labor group is focusing not only on pay and benefits but also a role in ethical decisions by the tech giant and protection from allegedly arbitrary firings for activism.

"We hope to create a democratic process for workers to wield decision-making power; promote social, economic, and environmental justice; and end the unfair disparities between TVCs (temporary, vendors and contractors) and FTEs (full time employees)," the union's website said.

As of the December-end, the union had 200 members. It will be open to all employees at Google and Alphabet units including autonomous car division Waymo, connected device maker Fitbit and life sciences division Verily. *AFP*

Pelosi back as US House speaker after narrow win

WASHINGTON

CALIFORNIA Democrat Nancy Pelosi was narrowly reelected on Sunday as speaker, giving her the reins of Democrats' slender House majority as she and President-elect Joe Biden set a challenging course of producing legislation to tackle the pandemic, revive the economy and address other priorities.

"We accept a responsibility as daunting and demanding as any that previous generations of leadership have faced," the California Democrat told the chamber as she accepted a fresh two-year term in her post. "Our most urgent priority will continue to be defeating the coronavirus. And defeat it, we will," she said.

Yet even before House Minority Leader Republican Kevin McCarthy ceremonially handed her the speaker's gavel, he provided a stark reminder of the partisan divide coloring Congress. McCarthy accused Pelosi of over the past two years leading "the least productive Congress in nearly 50 years" and said there was a clear message in last November's elections, when Republicans gained seats by defeating a dozen Democratic incumbents. "It was a wake-up call," he said. "The question I ask of this majority: were you listening?"

Pelosi, who has led her party in the House since 2003 and is the only woman to be speaker, received 216 votes to 209 for McCarthy, who again will be the chamber's minority leader. *AP*

Speaker of the US House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi waves the gavel on the opening day of the 117th Congress on Capitol Hill in Washington on Monday | AP

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Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
307.82 ▲	Sensex	48,176.8	₹74 ▲	24 carat (1 gm)	₹5,253	₹2,100 ▲	Per kg	₹74,100	▼ Dollar		73
114.4 ▲	Nifty	14,132.90	₹66 ▲	22 carat (1 gm)	₹4,815	₹2.10 ▲	Per gm	₹74.10	▲ Euro		89.77

With economy on the mend, factory activity holding steady

Manufacturing PMI was 56.4 in December, up from 56.3 in November, according to Nikkei Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index, compiled by IHS Markit

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INDIA's manufacturing sector had another positive month in December, the fourth consecutive monthly expansion, and up from 56.3 in November as companies increased production amid fresh orders. However, employers continued to reduce manpower. The Nikkei Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (seasonally adjusted), compiled by IHS Markit, rose to 56.4 in December. The December reading, though elevated, remained marginally below October's eight-year high of 58.9. For starters, PMI above 50 shows growth and below 50 depicts a contraction.

"The latest PMI results for the Indian manufacturing sector continued to point to an economy on the mend, as a supportive demand environment and firms' efforts to rebuild safety stocks underpinned another sharp rise in production," noted Pollyanna De Lima, economics associate director at IHS Markit.

Both new orders and output continued to grow at a slower pace. Fresh export orders rose at the slowest pace in four months as a recent surge in coronavirus cases dampened overseas demand. Rising demand, however, failed to improve conditions in the labour market with manufacturers continuing to cut jobs.

"The survey brought bad news of falling employment. However, the trend for jobs is at least moving in the right direction as the rate of contraction softened to the weakest in the current nine-month period of reduction," added De Lima. Input prices surged at the fastest pace in over two years, threatening to squeeze profit margins as manufacturers were not able to fully pass rising costs on to customers. The high input cost is expected to keep inflation high in the coming months.

Conversely, manufacturers saw their stocks of finished goods decline again at the end of the year. The rate of depletion was steeper and faster than seen prior to April.

According to survey participants, post-production inventories fell due to strong sales growth. The survey revealed that optimism about the next 12 months declined to a four-month low in December.

ECONOMIC RESURGENCE

IT firms may post strong revenue growth in Dec qtr

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THE tier I and tier II IT service companies are likely to post a sequential jump in revenue growth in the range of 2-3.5 per cent for the third quarter of FY21, which is a seasonally weak quarter due to furloughs and lesser working days.

According to a sector analysis by Nirmal Bangs, the robust performance during the quarter ended December is attributed to the quick digital transformation that enterprises seem to want at this juncture.

Over the last six months, tech firms such as Accenture and TCS have reported a 16 per cent and 26 per cent increase in the order inflows, whereas Infosys and Wipro have announced large deal wins- reflective of the thrust digital businesses have given to the revenues. Tier-1 companies may also be looking at high-end single digit/double-digit revenue growth in FY22 driven by acceleration in secular trends of core modernisation, digital transformation, cloud migration and automation.

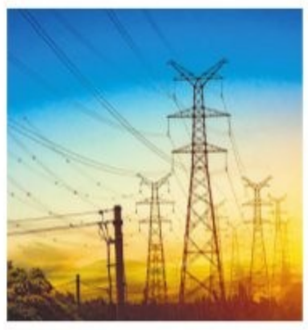
"While margin improvement was above street expectations in H1FY21 owing to lower travel and marketing-related costs, with higher offshoring, lower subcontracting, cross-currency gains etc, we expect salary hikes in some companies to negatively impact margins. While all companies would benefit from cross-currency gains, it would be more modest than those seen in Q2 FY21," the report said.TCS will kick off the Q3 earnings season with results on January 8, followed by peer Infosys which will release its Q3 numbers on January 13.

Spending boost

Gartner has projected that IT spending in India to grow 6% to $81.9 billion in 2021

Analysts say, the key things to watch out for during Q3 results will be the outlook for IT spends in 2021 the interplay between legacy and digital, whether the digital acceleration will be compressed beyond FY23, the impact of another Covid waves on sectors like travel and hospitality.

IT solutions including machine learning, artificial intelligence and robotic process automation will contribute over 25 per cent of overall hiring — Alok Bansal, MD and Country Head, Visionet India



Negative outlook

Stabilising or improving cash flows amid power demand recovery, the gradual pace of regulatory change and manageable transition to a low carbon economy underpin Moody's Investors Service's stable outlook for the Asia Pacific power sector in 2021.

6.1%
GROWTH IN POWER CONSUMPTION IN DECEMBER

8.7%
DEMAND TANKED SIGNIFICANTLY IN MARCH

Dec data shows power consumption firming up

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POWER consumption trends have been showing steady improvement over the past few months, with the month of December being the fourth month in a row that India's electricity demand has registered year-on-year growth. The upward rise has been driven by the bounce back in economic activity after lockdowns began to ease in May.

According to data from the Union power ministry, December's recorded power consumption was 6.1 per cent higher than December 2019 at 107.3 billion units (BU). Power Secretary S N Sahai had noted last week that all-India demand for power had touched an all-time high on December 30 at 1,82,888 MW (megawatts). The previous high had been recorded on May 30, 2019.

Power consumption had tanked in March after the Covid-19 pandemic took out most industrial activity, with demand contracting by 8.7 per cent in March, 23.2 per cent in April, 14.9 per cent in May, 10.9 per cent in June, 3.7 per cent in July, and 1.7 per cent in August. But the easing of lockdowns in May began a recovery and, by September 2020, year-on-year power consumption growth was back in the positive zone at 4.4 per cent. The festive season boost also pushed consumption growth up to over 11 per cent in October. However, an early onset of winter and the end of the festive season had resulted in a drop in growth in November, raising concerns whether the growth trend may not maintain its momentum.But, with December consumption growth improving again, officials say the trend should only stabilise going forward.

Soaring demand

Nissan claims that Magnite has received over 32,800 booking and 1.8 lakh enquiries within a month since its launch on December 2.

NISSAN TO RECRUIT 1,000, RAMP UP SUV PRODUCTION

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JAPANESE carmaker Nissan said on Monday that it will hire 1,000 workers and introduce a new shift at its Oragadam plant in Tamil Nadu to meet the growing demand for its newly launched compact sports utility vehicle (SUV) Magnite.

"The plant production capacity is being enhanced by introducing a third shift next month. We are also employing over 1,000 staff for the manufacturing plant in addition to employing more staff at the dealerships to attend the customer requests. This decision is aimed at reducing the waiting period," the company said in a statement. Nissan now aims to shorten the delivery period to two to three months.

Magnite is seen as the comeback vehicle for Nissan after its last launch Kicks received lukewarm response in India.

Nissan claims that Magnite has received over 32,800 booking and 1.8 lakh enquiries within a month since its launch on December 2, 2020.

According to the company, Magnite will continue to be available at the introductory prices on most of the variants till further notice. Compared to other sub-compact SUVs such as Hyundai Venue, Kia Sonet and Maruti Suzuki Vitara Brezza, Magnite is significantly cheaper. Prices of Magnite starts at ₹4.99 lakh.

"Nissan India has reached a colossal milestone with the launch of the all-new Nissan Magnite. Our brand philosophy of keeping the customer at the centre of everything we do enables us to create a game changer with a revolutionary value proposition. Customers have given their overwhelming response with record levels of bookings and as our token of our appreciation, we would like to continue the special introductory price till further notice." said Rakesh Srivastava, Managing Director, Nissan Motor India. Currently, it has 123 sales outlets in India, 20 of which were added just before the launch of Magnite.

Bajaj Auto sales rise 11% as exports surge

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BAJAJ Auto on Monday reported its highest-ever export figures for a month. The automakers said its total sales rose 11 per cent to 3.72 lakh units in December driven by exports. Exports jumped 27 per cent to 2.33 lakh units as compared to 1.83 lakh units in the same month a year ago. On the other hand, domestic sales fell nine per cent to 1.39 lakh units as compared to 1.53 lakh units in the year ago.

According to the company, two-wheeler exports went up by 31 per cent year-on-year to 2.09 lakh units while its domestic sales jumped four per cent to 1,28,642 units.

Similarly, Honda 2Wheelers reported domestic sales growth of five per cent to 2.42 lakh units in December 2020 compared to 2.3 lakh in 2019.

"After the positive retail and wholesale traction in December, we enter 2021 with a new hope. The third quarter marked the first quarter of positive sales after a long time," said YS Guleria, HMSI Director, sales & marketing, hoping the trend to continue.

Marico delivers double-digit volume growth during Oct-Dec

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FAST-MOVING consumer goods maker Marico Ltd on Monday said that its India business has registered a double-digit volume and revenuw growth benefiting from a faster-than-expected recovery in consumer sentiment and strong festive season sales in the third quarter ended December. It may be noted that the upcoming third quarter earnings will help gauge consumer demand and normalization of supplies in a year otherwise marked by the covid-led disruptions.

The maker of Parachute hair oil and Saffola oats said it has witnessed a robust performance across its portfolio with general trade continuing to grow healthier and rural markets staying ahead of urban.

"In the new age channels, while e-commerce continued the stellar run, modern trade after a soft first half, fared better in Q3. CSD (canteen store departments) continued to decline, albeit improving sequentially," the company said in its quarterly update. While the food and cooking oils business gained from strong in-home consumption, its personal care portfolio and other discretionary items suffered in the lockdown months. "There was a steady revival in discretionary categories with the premium portfolios witnessing improving trends sequentially. However, still posting a modest decline on a year-on-year basis," the company added. Marico's international business grew in "high-single digit" by constant currency, aided by growth in Bangladesh and recovery in a few other markets. The company maintains an optimistic outlook for the rest of the year.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

HINDUSTAN UNILEVER

Current Price ₹2,426.5

Target Price ₹2,750

Staples appears to have remained resilient, and demand in discretionary category seems to be recovering. Hence the structural and near-term investment case for HUVR remains strong. We remain positive due to robust earnings growth potential owing to its portfolio and execution strengths and significant synergies in FY22E as a result of GSKCH. We estimate revenue/EBITDA/PAT CAGR of 14%/19%/22% for FY20-FY22E.

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— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

SAT rejects review plea in Religare's loan recall case

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THE Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) has dismissed an appeal of Shivinder Mohan Singh, former promoter of Fortis Healthcare, against markets regulator Sebi's order asking Religare Enterprises and Religare Finvest to recall loans.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), through an interim order in March 2019, had asked Religare Enterprises and Religare Finvest to initiate steps to recall loans worth ₹2,065 crore extended to Singh and several other entities. Funds were diverted from the books of Religare Finvest for utilisation of promoters and promoter group entities of Religare Enterprises, as per the interim order. The direction came after the regulator received complaints alleging financial mismanagement and diversion of funds in Religare Finvest, a subsidiary of Religare Enterprises.

Singh's counsel had challenged a confirmatory order that was passed on September 2019. Following Sebi's confirmatory order, Singh approached SAT. Dismissing his plea, SAT said Singh was a director and promoter in both the companies when the alleged diversion of funds took place.

Further, the tribunal said Singh's contention that he has nothing to do with diversion of funds cannot be accepted in principle at this stage. 'We are not inclined to interfere in the impugned orders at this belated stage. The appeal fails and is dismissed with a direction that the WTM (whole time member) will decide the matter within six months from the date the appellant (Singh) files his objection/reply to the show cause notice,' the tribunal said in an order passed on December 24.

EXPRESS READ

GST: Centre releases tenth installment

New Delhi: The Centre has released the 10th instalment of ₹6,000 crore to states as back-to-back loan to meet the GST compensation shortfall, taking the total amount released so far through the special borrowing window to ₹60,000 crore, the finance ministry said. Of this, ₹5,516.6 crore has been released to 23 states and ₹483.4 crore to Delhi and two union territories.

Crude volatile as OPEC meets to decide on output cuts

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

CRUDE oil prices spiked on Monday morning to over $53 per barrel, for Brent, before diving to below $51 per barrel as members of the oil exporters cartel OPEC met via video conferencing to thrash out a consensus on whether or not to increase production in February. The decision will have an impact on fuel prices in India if the group decides to keep output steady at current levels.

With Chinese oil demand turning out to be stronger than expected, crude prices will likely keep trending upward if the status quo on output is maintained. While far lower than at the beginning of 2020, the global economic recovery has led to a steady recovery in crude prices—from below $30 in May to over $51 currently. Indian fuel prices have risen in tandem, helped along by sharp increases in Central and state taxes on petrol and diesel.

Monday's meeting comes just a month after the OPEC last met and decided to increase January production by 500 million barrels per day. They also decided to meet again early January to decide on whether to keep increasing output in February. On Sunday, OPEC's general secretary Mohammed Barkindo said that the agreement had "paved the way for a gradual return of 2 million barrels per day to the market over the coming months". However, reports say that many OPEC members are not in favour of continuing to increase production. Among their concerns is the increase in Covid-19 cases in many countries, including in high-consumption areas like Europe and Asia. A low production would also mean rising prices provided economic activity continues to recover.

No plans to enter contract farming, buy agricultural land: RIL

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

FACING a strong backlash from protesting farmers, Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) on Monday said they have never done "corporate or contract" farming and have absolutely no plans to enter the business.

"Neither Reliance nor any of our subsidiaries has purchased any agricultural land, directly or indirectly, in Punjab/Haryana or anywhere else in India, for the purpose of "corporate" or "contract" farming. We have absolutely no plans to do so," RIL said.

Farmers across India, especially North India, have been protesting for over a month against the recently introduced three farm bills.

According to the protesting farmers, the new bills are introduced to favour corporates, and RIL, along with the Adani Group, will emerge as the biggest beneficiaries.These accusations have led to boycott of Reliance Jio services by protesters. However, things turned out of control when power supply at around 1,800 Jio towers in Punjab were either cut off or disconnected by local people. RIL, through its subsidiary Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, has also mentioned a petition before the Punjab and Haryana High Court seeking urgent government intervention to stop the vandalism of its towers.

The company also accused business rivals of aiding and instigating miscreants indulging in vandalism. Reliance Jio had in fact written to the DoT that both the companies had been engaging in "malicious" misinformation campaign against Jio. However, rival telecom players Bharti Airtel and Vodafone-Idea had previously refuted such accusations.

Reliance has nothing to do with the three farm laws currently being debated in the country, and in no way benefits from them... linking Reliance to these laws is to harm our businesses — Reliance Industries

Calling farmers "'Anna data' of 1.3 billion Indians, RIL reitsaid that Reliance Retail does not purchase any food grains directly from farmers. "We shall insist on our suppliers to strictly abide by the Minimum Support Price (MSP) mechanism, and/or any other mechanism for remunerative price for farm produce, as may be determined and implemented by the government," the company said, adding it would always support the farmers' demand for a "fair and profitable price on a predictable basis".

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APPENDIX – IV A

[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]

E – AUCTION SALE ON 28.01.2021

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
(EXCLUDING MOVABLE ASSETS, IF ANY, LYING IN THE PREMISES)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets (excluding movable assets, if any, lying thereon) under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and 9(1)of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the below mentioned Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s) in particular that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India and whose actual physical possession has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on **28.01.2021** for recovery of loan dues to the State Bank of India from the aforesaid Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s)as specifically mentioned hereunder against their names.
The Name and Address of the Borrower/Mortgagors Outstanding dues, the reserve price, the earnest money deposit (EMD), bid increment and last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents for the each property of the said Borrower/Mortgagors to be sold will be as under:

(1) Name & Address of the Borrower/ Mortgagor	**Shri Vinay V.,** S/o Sri Vasudev, No.18, 16th Main, Srinagar, Bengaluru 560 050. **Also at:** (i) Flat No.FF-01, First Floor, **"Sri Sai Kamal Nivas"**, Near Shanimahatma Temple, Sy. No.58/5A, V P Khata No.690, Gubbalalu Village, Subramanyapura Post, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru -560061. **(ii) Office address:** M/s Oracle India Pvt Ltd, Oracle Technology Park, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru – 560 029.
Outstanding Dues for recovery of which property is being sold	**Rs.71,98,141/-** (Rupees Seventy One Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand One Hundred Forty One Only) as on 30.12.2020 and further interest at contractual rate from 31.12.2020 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.,

Property No.	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit amount	Bid increment	Time & Date of Auction	Last day for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
1.	Rs.33,66,000/-	Rs.3,36,600/-	Rs. 30,000/-	11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on 28.01.2021	25.01.2021 up to 4.00 p.m

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI-15627/EA/GWR/2020-21/23:

SCHEDULE –'A' PROPERTY: (ENTIRE PROPERTY)
All that piece and parcel of residential Immovable Property bearing Nos.9,10,23,24, formed in Sy. No.58/5A, duly converted by the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru vide Conversion Order No.BDIS.ALN/SR(S) 288/03-04 DT:15.11.2003, V P Khata No. 690,situated at GUBBALALU VILLAGE, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, presently within the limits of the Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike Ward No. 184, Uttarahalli Sub Division, Bengaluru and the site measuring East to West: Northern Side 86.0 feet, Southern Side 86.6 feet and North to South: 60.0 feet and totally measuring 5190 sq. feet and bounded on the :East by : 30 feet Road, West by : 30 feet Road, North by: Site No.8 & 25, South by : Site No.11 & 22.
SCHEDULE - 'B' PROPERTY: 471.8 Square Feet of undivided share right, title, interest, claims whatsoever in the land of the Schedule -"A" Property.
SCHEDULE - 'C' PROPERTY: (Apartment Mortgaged to the Bank): All that piece and parcel of residential apartment bearing No.FF-01, 2BHK, bearing BBMP Khatha No.1449/747/58/5/9,10,23,24/ FF-1, in the First Floor of the apartment building known as **"SRI SAI KAMAL NIVAS",** having super built up area of 1100sq feet with Vitrified tiles flooring, with all civic amenities and with right to use common areas, entrances, staircases, passages, corridors etc., provided in the Schedule "A" Property and standing in the name of Shri V Vinay S/o Shri Vasudeva vide Sale Deed Dated 22.02.2017 and registered as Document No.BSG-1-06992/2016-17 and CD No.BSGD307 on 22.02.2017 at the Office of the Senior Sub Registrar, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru and bounded on the : East by: Flat No. FF 04, West by: Open Space, North by: Open Space,South by: Flat No.FF-02.

(2) Name & Address of the Borrower/ Mortgagor	**Shri Rakesh H,** S/o. Shri Honnappa, No.53, 4th Cross, 4th Main Road, BDA Layout, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru 560 072, **Also at: (i)** Flat No.FF 02, First Floor, **"Sri Sai Kamal Nivas"**, Sy. No.58/5A, V P Khata No.690, Gubbalalu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, **(ii) Office address:** Project Manager, M/s Kelly Services India Pvt Ltd., KITR INTEL Implant Department, 12th Cross, Indiranagar, Bengaluru – 560 038.
Outstanding Dues for recovery of which property is being sold	**Rs.78,11,312/-** (Rupees Seventy Eight Lakh Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Twelve Only) as on 30.12.2020 and further interest at contractual rate from 31.12.2020 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.,

Property No.	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit amount	Bid increment	Time & Date of Auction	Last day for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
2.	Rs.32,73,000/-	Rs.3,27,300/-	Rs.30,000/-	11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on 28.01.2021	25.01.2021 up to 4.00 p.m

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI-15627/EA/GWR/2020-21/24:

SCHEDULE –'A' PROPERTY: (ENTIRE PROPERTY) As mentioned above in Property No. 1
SCHEDULE –'B' PROPERTY: 471.8 Square Feet of undivided share right, title, interest, claims whatsoever in the land of the Schedule -"A" Property.
SCHEDULE –'C' PROPERTY: Apartment Mortgaged to the Bank): All that piece and parcel of residential apartment bearing Flat bearing No.FF-2, 2BHK, New BBMP Khatha No. 1450/FF-002/ 747/9-10-23-24, in the First Floor of the apartment building known as "SRI SAI KAMAL NIVAS", having super built up area of 1100 sq. feet with Vitrified tiles flooring, with all civic amenities and with right to use common areas, entrances, staircases, passages, corridors, etc., provided in the Schedule "A" Property and standing in the name of Shri Rakesh S/o. Shri Honnappa, vide Sale Deed Dated 14.12.2015 and registered as Document No. BSK-1-10832/2015-16 and CD No.BSKD334 on 15.12.2015 at the Office of the Senior Sub Registrar, Basavanagudi(Banashankari), Bengaluru and bounded on the : East by : Flat No FF-3, West by: Vacant Place, North by: Vacant Place, South by: Flat No.FF-1.

(3) Name & Address of the Borrower/ Mortgagor	**Smt. Nethrayini S. P.,** W/o. Sri Kodanda Raman, No.73, 5th Cross, Muneswara Layout, K R Puram, Bengaluru 560 036, **Also at:** (i) Flat No.FF-03, First Floor, **"Sri Sai Kamal Nivas"**, Sy. No. 58/5A, V P Khata No.690, Gubbalau Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, **(ii) Office address:** Process Specialist, M/s Cognizant Global Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Manyatha Embassy Tech Park, Rachenahalli, Nagavara, Bengaluru – 560 077.
Outstanding Dues for recovery of which property is being sold	**Rs.78,09,815/-** (Rupees Seventy Eight Lakh Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fifteen Only) as on 30.12.2020 and further interest at contractual rate from 31.12.2020 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.,

Property No.	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit amount	Bid increment	Time & Date of Auction	Last day for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
3.	Rs.32,73,000/-	Rs.3,27,300/-	Rs.30,000/-	11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on 28.01.2021	25.01.2021 up to 4.00 p.m

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI-15627/EA/GWR/2020-21/25:

SCHEDULE - 'A' PROPERTY : (ENTIRE PROPERTY) As mentioned above in Property No. 1
SCHEDULE - 'B' PROPERTY: 471.8 Square Feet of undivided share right, title, interest, claims whatsoever in the land of the Schedule -"A" Property.
SCHEDULE - 'C' PROPERTY: (Apartment Mortgaged to the Bank): All that piece and parcel of residential apartment bearing Flat bearing No.FF-3, 2BHK, New BBMP Khatha No. 1451/FF-003/ 747/9-10-23-24, in the First Floor of the apartment building known as "SRI SAI KAMAL NIVAS", having super built up area of 1100 sq. feet with Vitrified tiles flooring, with all civic amenities and with right to use common areas, entrances, staircases, passages, corridors etc., provided in the Schedule "A" Property and standing in the name of Smt. Nethrayini W/o. Sri Kodanda Raman, vide Sale Deed Dated 14.12.2015 and registered as Document No. BSK-1-10823/2015-16 and CD No.BSKD334 on 15.12.2015 at the Office of the Senior Sub Registrar, Basavanagudi(Banashankari), Benglauru and bounded on the :East by: Open Space, West by : Flat No.FF – 2, North by: Open Space, South by: Flat No.FF-4.

(4) Name & Address of the Borrower/ Mortgagor	**(1) Smt. Nethravathi,** W/o. Sri. S. Deepak, **(2) Sri. S. Deepak,** S/o. Sri. N.Shyamsundar, **Both residing at:** (i) No.36, 6th Cross, 10th Main, Gururaj Layout, Near Devegowda Petrol Bunk, Banashanakri 3rd Stage, Bengaluru – 560 085, (ii) Flat No.406, 4th Floor, 'B' Block, "Dhathri Residency", Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, **Also at: Smt. Nethravathi,** Senior Sale Associate, M/s Uni Solutions Bangalore (P) Ltd., No.204, 27th Cross, Jayanagar 7th Block, Near Popular Bajaj Show Room, Bengaluru – 560 070, **Sri S Deepak,** Vice President (Sales), M/s Uni Solutions Bangalore (P) Ltd., No.204, 27th Cross, Jayanagar 7th Block, Near Popular Bajaj Show Room, Bengaluru – 560 070.
Outstanding Dues for recovery of which property is being sold	**Rs.69,59,606/-** (Rupees Sixty Nine Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Six Only) as on 30.12.2020 and further interest at contractual rate from 31.12.2020 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.,

Property No.	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit amount	Bid increment	Time & Date of Auction	Last day for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
4.	Rs.36,85,000/-	Rs.3,68,500/-	Rs.35,000/-	11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on 28.01.2021	25.01.2021 up to 4.00 p.m

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI-15627/EA/GWR/2020-21/26:

SCHEDULE - 'A' PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of property bearing converted Sy. No.37/ 1 (Converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide **Conversion Certificate No.ALN(SB):SR144/2011-12 dated 10.04.2012,** issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru), and the Assistant Director of Town Planning (Bommanahalli) Bruhath Bangalore MahanagaraPalike has passed Sanctioned Plan L.P. No.0384/12-13, dated 12.07.2012, situated at BEGUR Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, totally measuring about 31 Guntas& 4 Guntas of Kharab Land and bounded as follows:East by:40 feet Road and thereafter Sy. No.37/3,West by:Sy. No.27 presently Begur Wood BDA Approved Layout,North by:Sy. No.25/1, belongs to B. Suryanarayanarao,South by:Remaining Portion of Same Sy. No. belongs to Vendor.
SCHEDULE - 'B' PROPERTY: 398.82 Sq. ft of undivided share, right, title and interest of land comprised in the Schedule -'A' Property mentioned above.
SCHEDULE - 'C' PROPERTY(MORTGAGED PROPERTY): Apartment bearing 3BHK Flat No.406, on the Fourth Floor, 'B' Block, having Super built up area of 1445 Sq. feet, New BBMP Katha No.105/37/1 in the apartment building known as **"DHATHRI RESIDENCY",** along with One Car Parking Space in the basement floor, constructed over the Schedule - 'A' Property, with all civic amenities like Electricity, Water and Sanitation, including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, lobbies, staircase, lifts and other areas of common use, the said flat standing in the name of Smt. Nethravathi T., W/o. Sri. Deepak S., vide Sale Deed dated 04.09.2015 and registered as Document No.BMH-1-03786/2015-16, CD No.BMHD714 dated 04.09.2015 at SRO, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru and bounded on: East by :Flat No.405,West by : Open Space (Centre of Block A& B),North by : Duct & Flat No.407, South by: Open Space.

(5)Name & Address of the Borrower/Mortgagor	**Sri. Murali Mohan S.,** S/o. Sri. Sampath, No.78/1, A Cross, HAL 2nd Stage, Doopanahalli, Bengaluru – 560008. **Also at:** Flat No.407, 4th Floor, 'B' Block, "DHATHRI RESIDENCY', Akshay Nagar, Begur Village, Bengaluru – 560078. **Office Address: Sri Murali Mohan S,** M/s VMware Software India Pvt. Ltd., 165/1, Kalyani Vista, Near Kalyani Magnaum, IT Park, Doresanipalya, Bilekahalli, Phase 4, JP Nagar, Bengaluru – 560076.
Outstanding Dues for recovery of which property is being sold	**Rs.52,26,857/-** (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Seven Only) as on 30.12.2020 and further interest at contractual rate from 31.12.2020 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.,

Property No.	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit amount	Bid increment	Time & Date of Auction	Last day for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
5.	Rs.26,91,000/-	Rs.2,69,100/-	Rs.25,000/-	11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on 28.01.2021	25.01.2021 up to 4.00 p.m

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI-15627/EA/GWR/2020-21/27:

SCHEDULE – 'A' PROPERTY : (ENTIRE PROPERTY) As mentioned above in Property No.4
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: 398.82 Sq. ft. of undivided share, right, title and interest of land comprised in the Schedule-A, Property mentioned above.
SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY: Apartment bearing 2 BHK Flat No.407, on the Fourth floor, 'B' Block, having Super built up area of 1055 Sq. feet., New BBMP Katha No.105/37/1 in the apartment building known as "DHATHRI RESDIENCY", along with One Car Parking space in the basement floor, constructed over the Schedule 'A' Property, with all civic amenities like Electricity, Water and Sanitation, including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, lobbies, staircase, lifts and other areas of common use and bounded on: East by : Lift/ Duct, West by : 7ft. Open Space A&B Block Center, North by : Flat No.408, South by: Flat No.406.

(6) Name & Address of the Borrower/Mortgagor	**Smt. Suma Suresh,** W/o. Sri Suresh, No.45, 9th Main, Opp. Carmel School, SVG Nagar, Mudalapalya, Bengaluru – 560 072. **Also at:** (i) No.12, 4th Cross, SVG Nagar Moodalapalya, Bengaluru – 560 072. (ii) Smt. Suma Suresh, C/o. M/s BLR Knits (P) Ltd., 7th Mile, Hosur Road, Kudlugate, Bengaluru – 560 056.
Outstanding Dues for recovery of which property is being sold	**Rs.38,83,216/-** (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Two Hundred Sixteen Only) as on 30.12.2020 and further interest at contractual rate from 31.12.2020 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.,

Property No.	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit amount	Bid increment	Time & Date of Auction	Last day for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
6.	Rs.30,47,000/-	Rs.3,04,700/-	Rs.30,000/-	11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on 28.01.2021	25.01.2021 up to 4.00 p.m

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI-15627/EA/GWR/2020-21/28:

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: (Description of the entire Property): All that piece and parcel of the immovable property vacant property bearing **Site No.42,** Kallubalu Gram Panchayath **Khata No.480**, formed out of **Sy. Nos.97/2, 107, 108/1, 108/2** converted for Non-Agricultural Residential Purpose vide Official Memorandum bearing No.ALNRAJ/SR/73/05-06 dated 09.08.2006, Layout plan approved by BMRDA/Anekal Planning Authority vide No.BMRDA/APA/LAO/44/2006-07 dated 02.01.2008 in the Layout known as **"CLASSIC CHAMPAKADHAMA"** situated at Harappanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, with internal network of roads, water supply piping, underground sewerage Disposal System, with parks and Civil amenity areas as per Anekal Planning Authority norms (APA/BMRDA Norms) and measuring East to West 24 Meters and North to South (33.00+29.08)/2 Meters in totally measuring 744.96 Sq. Meters and bounded on: East by: Site No.43, West by : Site No.41, North by : Road, South by: Private Property.
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : (Description of the undivided interest in the land herein): 358.673 Sq. feet undivided share right, title and interest in the land comprised in the Schedule –'A' Property.
SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY: All the piece and parcel of flat bearing No.FF-101, in First Floor, "CLASSIC CHAMPAKADHAMA" with super built area 1086 Sq. feet and 358.673 (UDS) Sq. feet undivided share amount, built in Schedule 'A' property, consisting of 2 BHK, house with attached bathroom, toilet, with vitrified Tiles flooring and including one basement car parking, standing in the name of Smt. Suma Suresh, W/o. Sri Suresh, vide Sale Deed dated 10.08.2016 and registered as Document No.BSG-1-02976/2016-17 and CD No.BSGD297 dated 10.08.2016 at SRO, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru and bounded on: East by : First Floor Flat No.FF104, West by : Open Space, North by : Flat No.FF102, South by: Lift.

(7)Name & Address of the Borrower/Mortgagor	**Sri Gururaj,** S/o. Sri Krishnappa T, No.85, Annapurneshwari Nilaya, 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, Hanuman Temple Street, Dodda Banasawadi, Bengaluru – 560 046, **Office Address:** Sri Gururaj, C/o. M/s Capgemini Business Services (India) Ltd., Brigade Metropolis, Summit – Tower 'A', Whitefield Main Road, Bengaluru – 560 048.
Outstanding Dues for recovery of which property is being sold	**Rs.46,32,328/-** (Rupees Forty Six Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Eight Only) as on 30.12.2020 and further interest at contractual rate from 31.12.2020 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.,

Property No.	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit amount	Bid increment	Time & Date of Auction	Last day for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
7.	Rs.34,63,000/-	Rs.3,46,300/-	Rs. 35,000/-	11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on 28.01.2021	25.01.2021 up to 4.00 p.m

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI-15627/EA/GWR/2020-21/29:

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: Land as mentioned in Property No. 6 above
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: (Description of the undivided interest in the land herein) 413.829 Sq. feet undivided share right, title and interest in the land comprised in the Schedule – 'A' Property.
SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY: All the piece and parcel of flat bearing No.SF204, in Second Floor, **"CLASSIC CHAMPAKADHAMA"** with super built area 1253 Sq. feet and 413.829 (UDS) Sq. feet undivided share amount, built in Schedule 'A' property, consisting of 2 BHK, house with attached bathroom, toilet, with vitrified Tiles flooring and including one basement car parking and standing in the name of Sri. Gururaj, S/o. Sri. Krishnappa T., vide Sale Deed dated 29.08.2016 and registered as Document No.BSG-1-03387/2016-17 and CD No.BSGD298 dated 29.08.2016 at SRO, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru and bounded on: East by: Open Space, West by: Corridor, North by: Flat No.SF-203, South by: Flat No.SF-205.

(8)Name & Address of the Borrower/ Mortgagor	**Sri Prabhakar M,** S/o Sri Muniyappa, No.71, 3rd Cross, Mayuravarma Road, Lakshmipura, Kempegowdanagar, Bengaluru - 560019. **Also at:** Flat No. T 16, 3rd Floor, "A" Block, "Prabhavathi Paramount", Sy. No.108/2, Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban Dist. **Office Address:** Store Keeper, Production Dept., M/s BLR Knits Pvt. Ltd., Site No.6/3B, Begur Road, 2nd Cross, Hongasandra, Bengaluru – 560068.
Outstanding Dues for recovery of which property is being sold	**Rs.34,26,997/-** (Rupees Thirty Four Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Seven Only) as on 30.12.2020 and further interest at contractual rate from 31.12.2020 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.,

Property No.	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit amount	Bid increment	Time & Date of Auction	Last day for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
8.	Rs.18,74,000/-	Rs.1,87,400/-	Rs. 20,000/-	11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on 28.01.2021	25.01.2021 up to 4.00 p.m

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI-15627/EA/GWR/2020-21/30:

SCHEDULE - 'A' PROPERTY (Entire Property): All that piece and parcel of a portion of property being converted land measuring 18,513 Sq. feet (0 – 17 Guntas) in Sy No.108/2 (Vide Conversion Certificate bearing O. M. No. BDS.ALN.(A)(SR) 397/2004-05 dated 03.02.2005 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru) situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and bounded as follows: East by: Road and Land belongs to Gopamma and Hanumanthappa, West by: Land belongs to P Lakshmana, North by: Land belongs to B M Venkatesh, South by: Land belongs to V Ashwathanarayanappa.
SCHEDULE - 'B' PROPERTY: (Mortgaged Property): All that piece and parcel of Flat No.T-16 on the Third Floor in 'A' Block having Super Built Up Area of 790 Sq. feet, consists of One Hall with common Bathroom, One Kitchen, Two Bedrooms(Attached toilet and Bathroom in one bedroom) with balconies, together with one Car Parking space in the basement and with an undivided share of 196 Sq. feet, right, title and interest in the Schedule -'A' property, being the part of the Apartment building known as **"PRABHAVATHI PARAMOUNT"** constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property with RCC framed structure, Concrete Block Masonry and standing in the name of Sri Prabhakar M, S/o Sri Muniyappa vide Sale Deed dated 05.10.2016 and registered as Document No.ANK-1-04429/2016-17 and CD No.ANKD410 on 05.10.2016 at the Office of the Sub Registrar, Anekal, Bengaluru and bounded on the:East by: Flat No.T-15, West by: Open Space/Road, North by: Open Space, South by: Corridor.

(9)Name & Address of the Borrower/Mortgagor	**Shri. D. H. Siddanagoud,** S/o. Shri. Dodda Hanumagoud, No.11, 1st Floor, 19th F Cross, Kaggadasapura, C. V. Raman Nagar Post, Bengaluru 560 093, **Also at:** Flat No.FF-17, "Prabhavathi Paramount", Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, **Office address:** Employee No.R 762- 16275, Grade: S-3, B E M L, New Thippasandra, Bengaluru – 560 075.
Outstanding Dues for recovery of which property is being sold	**Rs.31,50,604/-** (Rupees Thirty One Lakh Fifty Thousand Six Hundred Four Only) as on 30.12.2020 and further interest at contractual rate from 31.12.2020 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.,

Property No.	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit amount	Bid increment	Time & Date of Auction	Last day for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
9.	Rs.19,33,000/-	Rs.1,93,300/-	Rs. 20,000/-	11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on 28.01.2021	25.01.2021 up to 4.00 p.m

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI-15627/EA/GWR/2020-21/31:

SCHEDULE - 'A' PROPERTY: As mentioned above in property No. 8
SCHEDULE - 'B' PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Flat No.FF 17 on the Fourth Floor in A Block having Super Built Up Area of 815 sq. feet, consists of One Hall with common Bathroom, One Kitchen, Two Bedrooms (Attached toilet and Bathroom in one bedroom) with balconies, together with one Car Parking space in the basement and with an undivided share of 200 sq. feet, right, title and interest in the Schedule A property, being the part of the Apartment building known as **"PRABHAVATHI PARAMOUNT"** constructed on the Schedule A Property with RCC framed structure, Concrete Block Masonry and standing in the name of Shri. D. H. Siddanagoud, S/o. Shri. Dodda Hanumagoud vide Sale Deed dated 02.07.2016 and registered as Document No. ANK-1-02174/2016-17 and CD No.ANKD406 on 02.07.2016 at the Office of the Sub Registrar, Anekal, Bengaluru and bounded on the :East by: Flat No. FF-18, West by: Open Space, North by: Corridor,South by : Open Space.

(10) Name & Address of the Borrower/ Mortgagor	**Sri Jaishankar N.,** S/o. Sri.Narayanappa, No.E426, 3rd Lane, ITI Quarters, Dooravaninagar, Bengaluru – 560 016, **Also at:** (i) Employee No.78356-60, HAL, Bengaluru -560 017, (ii) No.E-713, 1st Lane, ITI Quarters, Dooravaninagar, Bengaluru – 560 016.
Outstanding Dues for recovery of which property is being sold	**Rs.36,73,474/-** (Rupees Thirty Six Lakh Seventy Three Thousand Fou Hundred Seventy Four Only) as on 30.12.2020 and furthe interest at contractual rate from 31.12.2020 with incidental expenses costs, charges etc.,

Property No.	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit amount	Bid increment	Time & Date of Auction	Last day for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
10.	Rs.19,92,000/-	Rs.1,99,200/-	Rs.20,000/-	11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on 28.01.2021	25.01.2021 up to 4.00 p.m

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI-15627/EA/GWR/2020-21/32:

SCHEDULE - 'A' PROPERTY : As mentioned above in Property No. 8
SCHEDULE - 'B' PROPERTY(MORTGAGED PROPERTY): All that piece and parcel of the Flat No.FF-18 on Fourth Floor in "A" Block having super built up area of **840 Sq. feet,** consisting One Hall with Common Bath Room, One Kitchen, Two Bed Rooms (attached toilet and bathroom in one Bed Room) with balconies, together with One Car Parking space in the basement and with an **undivided share of 206 Sq. feet,** right, title and interest in the Schedule -'A' Property, being the part of the apartment building known as **"PRABHAVATHI PARAMOUNT"** constructed on the Schedule -'A' property with RCC framed structure, concrete Block Masonry, Main door teak frame and Steam Breach Veneered flush shutter and room doors sal woods with water proof flush shutters, Power coated aluminum windows with glass 86 safety grills, Ceramic flooring etc., with wardrobe, kitchen amenities, geyser with TV -Stand, standing in the name of Sri Jayashankar N., S/o. Sri.Narayanappa, Vide Sale Deed dated 02.07.2016 and registered as Document No.ANK-1-02173/2016-17 and CD No.ANKD406 dated 02.07.2016 at Sr. SRO, Anekal, and bounded as follows: East by: Stair Case,West by: Flat No.FF-17,North by: Corridor,South by : Open Space.

(11) Name & Address of the Borrower/ Mortgagor	**Shri. Somashekar H.,** S/o. Shri. Halappa, No.1295, 11th Cross, Central Township Colony, H A L, Marathahalli, Bengaluru 560 037, **Also at:** Flat No.401, Fourth Floor, **"Siddartha Srinilaya"**, Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District, **(ii) Office address:** Employee No.68191-97, Structure Assy, Helicoptor Division, Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., Bengaluru – 560 017.
Outstanding Dues for recovery of which property is being sold	**Rs.41,14,180/-** (Rupees Forty One Lakh Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Eighty Only) as on **30.12.2020** and further interest at contractual rate from **31.12.2020** with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.

Property No.	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit amount	Bid increment	Time & Date of Auction	Last day for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
11	Rs.16,81,000/-	Rs.1,68,100/-	Rs.20,000/-	11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on 28.01.2021	25.01.2021 up to 4.00 p.m

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI-15627/EA/GWR/2020-21/33:

SCHEDULE - 'A' PROPERTY (ENTIRE PROPERTY): All that piece and parcel of residential Immovable Property bearing Converted Sy.No.9/4, Old Gram Panhayat Khatha No.6684/6208/9/ 4, Now assigned New Panchayat Raj Computerised Khatha No.6608/9/4, with PID No.150200103101106709 (in form No.11B Rule 30(7), converted from Agricultural to Non Agricultural Residential purposes vide its Order No.ALN[A]SR127/2012-13, dated 07.09.2012 and conversion Order issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District measuring 0 Acres 5 ½ Guntas and bounded on the : East by: Remaining portion of Sy No.9/4 belongs to Sri T Nagaraju, West by: Government Road, North by: Property of H Muniyapa, South by: Property of Mesa Muniyappa.
SCHEDULE - 'B' PROPERTY : An undivided share right, title and interest in the Schedule - A Property measuring to an extent of 196 Sq. feet.
SCHEDULE - 'C' PROPERTY :(Apartment Mortgaged to the Bank) : All that piece and parcel of residential apartment bearing Flat bearing No.401 in the Fourth Floor of Apartment Building known as **"SIDDARTHA SRINILAYA"** constructed on the Schedule - 'A' Property with Super Built Up Area of 955 Square feet Standing in the name of Sri Somashekar H S/o. Sri Halappa vide Sale Deed dated 01.02.2016 and registered as Document No.CMP-1—8909/2015-16 and CD No.CMPD153 on 01.02.2016 at the Office of the Senior Sub Registrar, Basavanagudi (Chamarajapet), Bengaluru and bounded on the :East by: Flat No. 406, West by: Private Property, North by: Flat No. 402, South by:Private Property.

(122) Name & Address of the Borrower/ Mortgagor	**Sri. Sagar N.,** S/o. Sri. Nagaraj, **"ThibhadeviNilaya",** No.2, 1st D Cross, Nanjappa Reddy Garden, Chowdeswari Bus Stop, Mathikere, Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru - 560022. **Also at:** Flat No.402, Fourth Floor, **"SiddarthaSrinilaya",** Kammasandra Village, Attible Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District. **Office address: Shri N Sagar,** Team Leader, Operations, M/s Infosys BPO Ltd., Electronic City, Hosur Road, Bengaluru – 560100.
Outstanding Dues for recovery of which property is being sold	**Rs.39,02,248/-** (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakh Two Thousand Two Hundred Forty Eight Only) as on 30.12.2020and further interest at contractual rate from 31.12.2020with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc., due

Property No.	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit amount	Bid increment	Time & Date of Auction	Last day for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
12	Rs.16,81,000/-	Rs.1,68,100/-	Rs.20,000/-	11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on 28.01.2021	25.01.2021 up to 4.00 p.m

Description of property

Tender No: SBI-15627/EA/GWR/2020-21/34:

SCHEDULE - 'A' PROPERTY: As mentioned above in Property No. 11
SCHEDULE - 'B' PROPERTY:(Description of the undivided share in the land hereby conveyed) An undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule -'A' Property measuring to an extent of 196 Sq. ft.
SCHEDULE - 'C' PROPERTY: (Description of the residential apartment hereby conveyed)1. Flat Apartment No.: 402,2. Type of Flat: Residential,3. Floor: Fourth Floor, 4. Super built up area : 955 Sq. feet,5. Details of construction: RCC Roofing, concrete block with Doors with aluminum windows, 6. Other facilities: One covered Car Parking space.7. Name of the Apartment : **"SIDDARTHA SRINILAYA"** The said Flat standing in the name of Sri. Sagar N., S/o Sri Nagaraj, vide Sale Deed Dated 01.02.2016, registered as Document No.CMP-1-08920/2015-16 and CD No.CMPD153 dated 01.02.2016 at Basavanagudi (Chamarajpet), Bengaluru and bounded on:Boundaries for the Flat: East by: Flat No.405, West by: Road, North by: Flat No.403, South by: Flat No.401.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, RACPC -II, Koramangala, Bengaluru, represented by its Authorised Officer, i.e.,(1) www.sbi.co.in (2) www.tenders.gov.in and (3) https://www. bankeauctions.com/ Sbi.

For inspection of the properties please contact 9740367868/9739087288.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 04.01.2021

Sd/- Authorized Officer
SBI, RACPC -II, Koramangala, Bengaluru.

TAMIL NADU STATE RURAL LIVELIHOOD MISSION - DDU-GKY WING

Mother Teresa Women's Complex, III Floor, Valluvar Kottam High Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai -600034
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TNSRLM invites bids from eligible bidders to empanel a consulting agency for providing Technical Support for Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Tamil Nadu.

Sl. No	Tender No. & Date	Sale Period of Bidding document	Pre bid Meeting	Last date and time for receipt of bids	Date and Time for Opening of Technical bids
1	Tender No. 537/DDU-GKY/2020 Date: 05.01. 2021	05.01.2021 to 19.01.2021	12.01.2021 at 03:00 PM	20.01.2021 at 3:00 PM	20.01.2021 at 03:30 pm

Bid document can be obtained on any working days between 10:30 AM to 04:00 PM in above office on payment of **Rs.5000** by means of Demand Draft/Pay Order drawn from a Nationalized /Scheduled Bank in favour of **"The Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission"** payable at Chennai.
Alternatively the bidding document can also be downloaded from the websites **www.tamilnadumahalir.org and http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in** at free of cost.

DIPR/15/TENDER/2021 **Chief Operating Officer**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

NABARD AND RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, CHENGALPATTU

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No. 22/2020-2021/SDO/Dt.04.01.2021

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu **Percentage tender through online only** will be received **upto 09.02.2021, 15.00 hours** by the **Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD & Rural Roads, Chengalpattu Circle** for **Package No.5, and One Individual work in respect of Vellore (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division and One Individual work in respect of Chengalpattu (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division** under Upgradation of Panchayat Union roads and Panchayat Roads to ODR Standards.

Details of Name of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available **from 12.01.2021** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in** If any Changes/Corrections/ Amendments etc. to the tender, it will be published on the above Government website only.

DIPR/018/TENDER/2021

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H)
NABARD AND RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, CHENGALPATTU-1

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION

Storm Water Drain Department

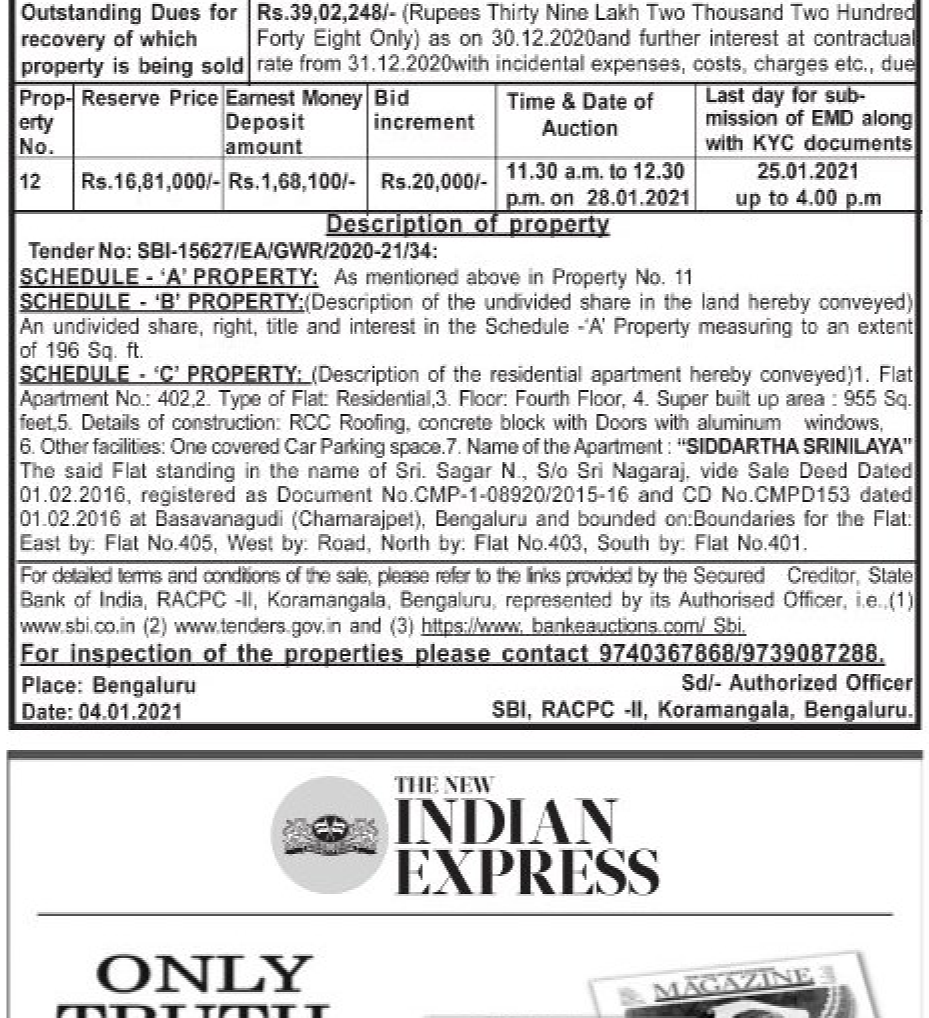
S.W.D.C.No.B1/0662-16/2020

INVITATION OF BIDS

Re E-Tenders under single stage two envelope systems are invited for the following works by Superintending Engineer SWD Department

S.W.D.C.No. B1/0662-16/2020 Integrated Urban Flood Management for Chennai Kosasthalaiyar Basin Project under ADB Fund Construction of Integrated Storm Water Drain in Kosasthalaiyar Basin in the extended areas of Greater Chennai Corporation (3 Nos. of Packages). (Package No. 39, 40 & 42)
Contract Period: 24 Months EMD Rs.40.00 Lakhs to Rs.43.00 Lakhs
Pre-Bid meeting on: 20.01.2021 at 3.00 pm at office of the Surperintending Engineer, Storm Water Drain Department, Greater Chennai Corporation, Amma Maaligai, Chennai- 600 003.
Tender Last Date & Time of Submission: 05.02.2021 upto 3.00 PM
Bid documents are available website in www.tntenders.gov.in in the slot Greater Chennai Corporation - ADB Tenders
Technical Bid open date & time: 05.02.2021 at 3.30 PM

DIPR/17/Tender/2021 **Superintending Engineer /SWDD**



Moeen Ali tests positive for coronavirus in SL

England batsman Moeen Ali has tested positive for Covid-19 in Sri Lanka, a day after the team arrived on the island, the country's cricket board said on Monday. "Ali will now observe a period of 10-days self-isolation, in accordance with the Sri Lanka Government's protocol on quarantine," the England and Wales Cricket Board said in a statement.

Tougher entry mark for athletic nationals

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

FEWER athletes, longer breaks between events, social distancing and negative Covid-19 test report before entering an event are some of the rules that will govern the national athletics competitions —both senior and junior — this year. At least until there is a solution to the threat of Covid-19.

The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) has released a tougher standard for entry into nationals. The logic behind this idea, decided by a high-power committee, was to reduce the number of athletes without compromising the standard.

According to a circular dated January 2, this will be in force for the time being.

Adille Sumariwalla, the AFI president, explained the rationale behind this. "This is the Olympic year and we want the standard of competition high. At the same time, we would not want to risk the athletes' health," he said. "We've made the entry standard tougher so that there's high quality but at the same time low turnout. This was done after a lot of deliberation. Our aim was to give the Olympic hopefuls a chance to compete but we don't want too many people. So far, all other games had Covid cases but despite athletics being the largest team we have managed to not have it. Protection of our athletes is our priority."

Logistically too, the AFI felt this would be easier to manage. Even during competition it would be easier. The number of days of meet, however, would remain the same. "We will not have as many heats and that will allow us to clear the competition arena before allowing the next set of players along with their kit. We will have one event at a time. We send athletes one by one. Idea is to not crowd the arena before and after the event."

The junior Fed Cup scheduled on January 15-17 could be the first event where the new qualifying standard will be implemented.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

TOUCHDOWN SYDNEY

After clearing coronavirus tests, Indian players and support staff members landed in Sydney on Monday ahead of their third Test against Australia starting on January 7. A brief look at other updates from the series...

NEGATIVE AFTER BUBBLE BREACH

MELBOURNE: The Indian team and their support staff have returned negative in the latest Covid-19 tests conducted here and travelled to Sydney ahead of the third Test. The match is due to start on January 7. The statement comes a couple of days after five Indian players were placed in isolation when a video of them at an indoor restaurant was posted by a fan on Twitter.

CA CLEARS AIR OVER BRISBANE TEST

SYDNEY: Cricket Australia (CA) chief executive Nick Hockley dismissed reports that the Indian team is reluctant to play the fourth Test in Brisbane because of stricter quarantine rules there. "We've had nothing formal from the BCCI to suggest anything other than they're supportive. Both teams have wanted to play the schedule as we've set out," he asserted. The fourth game is due from January 15 at the Gabba.

WE'LL HAVE PLANS FOR ROHIT: LYON

MELBOURNE: Australia will have plans chalked out for the returning Rohit Sharma, seasoned off-spinner Nathan Lyon said on Monday. "He (Rohit) is a big input for Indian side, so it is going to be interesting to see who they leave out. But we will have our plans ready for Rohit, and hopefully, we can get on top of him nice and early, but respecting how good a cricketer Rohit is," Lyon said.

IND-AUS SERIES

(L to R) Jasprit Bumrah, Rohit Sharma and Ravi Shastri depart for Sydney on Monday | AFP

PATTINSON OUT WITH BRUISED RIBS

SYDNEY: Australian pacer James Pattinson was ruled out of the third Test due to bruised ribs, the home team's board said. A replacement has not been named for Pattinson. "He will not be replaced in the squad and will be assessed further ahead of the Brisbane Test match," CA said. Pattinson last played against India in a tour match in the lead-up to the opening Test of the series, picking up three wickets.

CROWD LIMITED TO 25% IN SYDNEY

SYDNEY: The crowd limit for the third Test between India and Australia, beginning here from Thursday, has been reduced to 25 per cent of the SCG's seating capacity on advice of the New South Wales government after fresh Covid19 cases were recorded in the city. Approximately 9500 people would be allowed to watch the game with the series locked at 1-1. The SCG has a seating capacity of about 38,000. "Reducing the capacity of the venue is crucial in achieving social distancing requirements, and we sincerely thank ticket-holders for their patience, as we process refunds today, reconfigure the SCG seating plan to deliver these social distancing measures and go back on sale," CA CEO Nick Hockley said in a statement. The SCG had hosted two ODIs and as many T20s during the limited overs leg of India's tour.

EQUESTRIAN

Quraishi not amused with EFI functioning

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

RAISING serious questions over its 'governance', court-appointed observer SY Quraishi has written a strong-worded letter to the secretary-general of the Equestrian Federation of India (EFI). The mail came in response to a complaint filed by rider Sweta Mirdha Hooda. In her complaint, Sweta has accused the federation of discrimination while upgrading a rider's category for a national event.

"The EFI has not yet responded to my mail," Quraishi, a former Chief Election Commissioner of India, told this daily. "My role as a court-appointed observer is to see the executive council and general council meetings of the federation are conducted fairly. I have attended a couple of them and found them quite democratic as everyone was allowed to speak their mind. But such complaints raise concerns and hence I have sought EFI's immediate response."

In his mail to EFI secretary-general Jaiveer Singh, Quraishi has written, "Your lack of seriousness in following directives from a court-appointed observer raises serious questions about the functioning of your secretariat and your bonafides."

The mail further read, "I have gone through the various emails including the complainant's para wise rebuttal, language of the rules, and other facts put up to me by the Athlete's Commission, and your Secretariat. I have arrived at the conclusion that rules were violated as alleged in this complaint and I find it very strange that your EC should allow these violations. Further, I find evidence of discrimination as alleged in this complaint where one participant was denied the same permission that was granted to another participant by selective adherence to the rules in the former case but not the latter."

Earlier, the complainant had accused the federation of making a glaring exception to allow a rider to participate in the National Equestrian Championship (NEC) Inter-I event held on January 20 last year despite her grade being two rungs lower as per the technical guidelines. She had alleged that the rider was offered a double up-gradation without anything in the rules that either, remotely supports such an exception, or grants the EFI any discretion in matters of grading.

The complaint was rejected by the EFI on the ground that it was not maintainable as it was time-barred. The rejection too was held highly objectionable by Quraishi. "This (rejection) is highly objectionable and raises questions of propriety and bonafides," read a mail sent to the EFI by the observer on December 12 last year.

EFI secretary-general did not reply to queries.

Kapoor trumps Raja, becomes AICF head

ATREYO MUKHOPADHYAY @Chennai

A KANPUR businessman, Sanjay Kapoor, is the new president of the All India Chess Federation (AICF). In the elections held online on Monday, Kapoor beat incumbent and Tamil Nadu heavyweight, PR Venketrama Raja 33-31. The panel headed by Kapoor won the other important posts as well. BS Chauhan defeated RM Dongre 35-29 to remain the secretary. Naresh Sharma edged Kishor Bandekar 34-30 to become treasurer.

This brings to end over a year of acrimony between the factions headed by Raja and Chauhan. The two groups differed over almost everything until the last moment, as Chauhan remained suspicious of the poll process conducted by court-appointed electoral officer Justice (retd) K Kannan.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Barcelona edge Huesca 1-0

AFP @Madrid

BARCELONA won 1-0 at bottom side Huesca on Sunday as Lionel Messi became the first foreigner to make 500 appearances in Spain's La Liga, while a late Luis Suarez goal secured leaders Atletico Madrid victory against Alaves. Messi returned for Barca after missing the final game of 2020 with an ankle knock and swung in a cross for Frenkie de Jong to divert home for the only goal on 27 minutes. Although Ronald Koeman's side began a potentially season-defining run of four consecutive away matches with a comfortable win, they remain a 10 points behind Atletico.

FRESH HOPE

Aizawl bank on title-winning experience for revival

AYANTAN CHOWDHURY @New Delhi

AIZAWL FC had created history back in 2016-17 season when they were crowned I-League champions with many comparing their triumph with that of Leicester City's fairy-tale season a year before. This year, the club from Mizoram have roped in a few players from that fateful season and are hoping to scale similar heights.

In those intervening years, Aizawl have struggled to maintain consistency as they finished fifth, followed by a seventh-place finish. Last season, at the time when the league had to come to a stop due to the pandemic, the club was languishing at the 10th spot trying hard to avoid relegation.

Brandon Vanlalremdika | TWITTER

This time, a lot of hopes will be on Brandon Vanlalremdika as the league resumes on January 9. The diminutive forward returns to the club after three years, having been at East Bengal during that time. The 26-year-old is as an experienced pro and he will need to guide the younger members of the squad.

"I was lucky to be part of history but this time it's a new season and a brand new team. We are a young side. We've had a fruitful pre-season and as a team, we are high on confidence. I've played in Kolkata before and I can share my experience with my teammates also. It will be a plus for the team. I want to win the title this year. It will mean a lot to the club, to the people back home and for the team," he stated during a virtual interaction.

Another of those returning players is defender Lalthakima Ralte. And he revealed what the club means to the players in the NorthEast and how the support they get will fuel their ambitions. "Every Mizo footballer nurtures a dream of playing for Aizawl especially after the club became the first side from the region to win on the national stage. The support we get is unbelievable. They were looking forward to watching us play but now, we have the added incentive of making them proud. We know that they will be supporting us from home and on social media," Ralte expressed.

The team had a few days of training back home before flying to Kolkata. They have just returned to practice after completing their mandatory quarantine. "We had a break in training but it is same for all teams. In quarantine, we had our personal training in our rooms. We tried to work on our fitness in that period. Many have not played competitively but the aim will be to start strong," Ralte signed off.

EXPRESS READ

Williamson century lifts New Zealand

CHRISTCHURCH: A classic century by Kane Williamson (112 n.o) in an unbroken 215-run stand with Henry Nicholls hauled New Zealand into a strong position at 286 for three at stumps on Day 2 of the second Test against Pakistan on Monday. New Zealand, having recovered from 71 for three, ended the day trailing Pakistan's first innings 297 by 11 runs with seven wickets in hand.

Brief scores: Pak 297 vs NZ 286/3 (Williamson 112 n.o; Nicholls 86 n.o).

Karunaratne gives Sri Lanka slender lead

JOHANNESBURG: Sri Lanka captain Dimuth Karunaratne (91 n.o) ensured his team would avoid an innings defeat but the tourists were in a precarious position at the end of the second day of the second against South Africa. The tourists were 150 for four at the close, a lead of five runs with six wickets remaining.

Brief scores: SL 157 & 150/4 (Karunaratne 91 n.o) vs SA 302 (Elgar 127; Fernando 5/105).

Hyderabad hammer Chennaiyin 4-1

GOA: Hyderabad FC returned to winning ways in the Indian Super League as they registered a thumping 4-1 victory against Chennaiyin FC at the GMC Stadium, Bambolim on Monday. Joel Chianese (50'), **Halicharan Narzary** (53', 79') and Joao Victor (74') were on the scoresheet for Hyderabad while Anirudh Thapa (67') scored the only goal for Chennaiyin. With this victory, Hyderabad climbed to sixth spot. Chennaiyin are at eighth spot.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

ANNOUNCEMENT

I, **Hamsaa Baaskar** age 58 years, **W/o. Late. Bhaskar E.B**, residing at Flat No. 4-B, Apurva Sapphire Apartment, 3rd Cross, Jyothi Nagar (Bohra Colony), Gottigere, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore - 83, I had declared earlier that I had changed my name from **B. Hamsaveni** to **B.Hamsaavani** vide affidavit dated 11.03.2004 before Notary **K. Rame Gowda**. Then I had changed my name from **B. Hamsaavani** to **Hamsaa Baaskar** vide affidavit dated 23.07.2012 before Notary Arvind Patil G.G. Now I declare that all the three names **B. Hamsaveni, B. Hamsaavani & Hamsaa Baaskar** are of one and the same person, sworn before Notary T.R. Raghavendra Rao, dated 30.12.2020.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SUHASINI DORAI, R/a, No.203, Vandhana Homes, Manipal County Road, Singasandra, Bangalore-560068, Karnataka, have changed my name from **SUHASINI DORAI YELLAPPA** (Old Name), to **SUHASINI DORAI** (New Name), vide Affidavit dated:04-01-2021, Sworn before Advocate & Notary, K.Muralidharan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) RAMESHA L, resident of No. 14, 1st Cross, Munikrishnappa Layout, Koramangala Road, Audugodi, Bangalore-560030, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) RAMESH L** vide affidavit Dated 30/12/2020 sworn before Notary Shivashanakarappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Smt. Suraj Gulecha,** aged about 52 years, W/o. Sri. Kushal Raj Gulecha, **residing at :** No. 51, Flat No. 308, 2nd floor, Ambiance Platinum Apartment, KR Road, Opp. to Basavanagudi Police Station, Basavanagudi, Bangalore South, Bangalore- 560004. My name is mentioned Suraj Kushal Raj Gulecha (old name) to **Suraj Gulecha (new name)** and henceforth I shall be known as **Suraj Gulecha (new name)** for all purposes. Sworn before me K.H. Ramadevi, BSc.,LL.B.,D.J. Advocate & Notary Public, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **BIKASH ANIL SARKAR,** aged about 50 years, S/o Late Anil Kumar Sarkar, R/at. No. 69, Flat No. 005, "S V SUBUGITHA", Kothnur Dinne, J.P. Nagar 8th Phase, Bangalore-560078, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **BIKASH SARKAR** to **BIKASH ANIL SARKAR**, hereafter I shall be known and called as **BIKASH ANIL SARKAR** only, vide affidavit dated 04.01.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary **D.K. RAMESHAPPA**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, CHITRA.R, Spouse of No, 15321397W HAV Biju.R. presently residing at Puthumangalathu Veedu Thekkathil, Puliyila Nallila (Post) Kollam (Dist) Kerala (State) PIN:691515, have changed my name from **CHITRA.R.** to **CHITHRA.R.** vide affidavit Dated 24/12/2020 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I , **HEMALATHA V,** R/at No.50, Siddanna Lane, Cubbonpet, Bangalore-560002, have changed my name to **MANYA V** vide affidavit dated:31/12/2020 Before Notary **H.G.Padmanabha Rao** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Smt. S. P. Anitha Prasanna**, W/o. Late. S.A.Prasanna Kumar, aged about 48 years, R/at No.23, 11th C Cross, Vyalikaval, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560 003. In some records my name is also mention as **'Sathyavathi' 'Sathyavathi.S.P' 'Sathyavathi.S.V** as all the names one & the same. Vide affidavit dated 04.01.2021. Sworn before Advocate and Notary S.Jayanna, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **L. PANNER SELVAM** S/o Lakshman, aged about 61 years, R/a #1-3, 3rd Street, K. Kamaraj Road, Sivan Chetty Garden, Bengaluru-560042, declare that correct name of my father is recorded as **LAKSHMAN** in Aadhaar and in Passport it is recorded as **KRISHNASWAMY LAKSHMANA MUDALIAR** and hence name of my father to be considered as **LAKSHMAN**, vide affidavit dated 04-01-2021, before Notary **G.S. RAJU**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, IMRAN.G, residing at No. 36/3, Muniswamy Garden, Neelasandra, Bangalore-560047, have changed my Minor Daughter's name from **MADIYA KULSUM** to **FAZILATH FATIMA** vide affidavit Dated 10/06/2020 sworn before Notary S.Vijaya Kumar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PRAMOD CHANDAR N.**, S/o. Narayanareddy V., aged about 36 years, residing at 4th Ward, 11th Cross, Tank Bund Road, Chintamani, Chikkaballapur, Karnataka - 563 125, now at Bengaluru, hereby declare that my correct name as **PRAMOD CHANDAR N.** but my name wrongly mentioned as **PRAMOD CHANDRA N.** vide affidavit dated 04.01.2021 sworn before Advocate & Notary Sumithra N., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Prashant Raj, aged about 48 years, S/o. Late Raju Giriya Saliyan, R/at Flat No. V-301, Jasmine Towers-5, Adarsh Palm Retreat, Devarabisanahalli, near to Ecoworld, Marathahalli, Sarjapur Outer Ring Road, Bellandur, Bangalore-560103, have changed my son's name from **AARAV PRASHANT RAJ** to **AARAV RAJ** vide affidavit dated 04-01-2021 sworn before notary H.G. Venkataramu, Bangalore.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I, Army No. 7241034N, Rank: DFR/LA VET, **Kolla Chinna Rangaiah**, S/o. Kolla Chinnaiah R/a H.No.10/151, currency nagar Road 2, yenamalakuduru, penamaluru, vijayawada, krishna district, A.P.- 520007 declare that my father's name is **KOLLA CHINNAIAH and CHINNAIAH both** names are pertaining to one and the same person, Henceforth, known as **KOLLA CHINNAIAH** only Vide Affidavit Dated: 02-01-2021 Before Notary K.V. Mani, Bengaluru-30.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MOSES MOHAN A FERNANDES, S/o Anthony Jerry, Aged about 32 years, resident of No.C 24/4, SVP Colony, Jog Falls, Shimoga-577435, Karnataka, India, shall henceforth be known as **VIVAN SHEKAR KOLLUR** vide affidavit dated 04.01.2020 before notary K V MANI, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VASANTHA KATARIYA S.**, W/o. Sunilkumar Katariya, Residing at New No. 1001, B Block, Seroya Environ, Sumangali Ashram Road, Behind Baptist Hospital, Bangalore - 560 032, Karnataka, have changed my name from **VASANTHA KATARIYA** to **VASANTHA KATARIYA S.** vide affidavit dated 30.12.2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary M. Radhamma, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Prashant Raj, aged about 48 years, S/o. Late Raju Giriya Saliyan, R/at Flat No. V-301, Jasmine Towers-5, Adarsh Palm Retreat, Devarabisanahalli, near to Ecoworld, Marathahalli, Sarjapur Outer Ring Road, Bellandur, Bangalore-560103, have changed my son's name from **SHAUNAKH PRASHANT RAJ** to **SHAUNAKH RAJ** vide affidavit dated 04-01-2021 sworn before notary H.G. Venkataramu, Bangalore.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I, Army No. 7241034N, Rank: DFR/LA VET, **Kolla Chinna Rangaiah,** S/o. Kolla Chinnaiah R/a H.No.10/151, currency nagar road 2, yenamalakuduru, penamaluru, vijayawada, krishna district, A.P.- 520007 declare that my daughter's name is **KOLLA DEEPTHI** and **K. DEEPTHI** both names are pertaining to one and the same person, Henceforth, known as **KOLLA DEEPTHI** only Vide Affidavit Dated:02-01-2021 Before Notary K.V. Mani, Bengaluru-30.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I, Army No: 14844809L, Rank: SEP/MT, Name: SIVAIAH D, residing at No.488, Nellur Puram, New Thippasandra Post, Bangalore-560075. I state that my wife's **DASARI KRISHNAVENI** in my service record my wife's date of birth wrongly mentioned as **25.12.1989** instead of her correct date of birth **25.12.1988** vide affidavit dated 02.01.2021 before notary B M CHANDRASHEKAR, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ATHIK ULLA SHARIFF**, S/o. Razhak Shariff A.R., Residing at Survith Soparno Flat No. 406, 3rd Floor, 1st Main, MLA Layout, Kalina Agrahara, Bangalore - 560 076, Karnataka, have changed my name from **ATHIKULLA SHARIFF ATHEEQ** to **ATHIK ULLA SHARIFF** vide affidavit dated 4.1.2021 sworn before Advocate & Notary M. Radhamma, Bangalore.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I, Army No. 7241034N, Rank: DFR/LA VET, **Kolla Chinna Rangaiah,** S/o. Kolla Chinnaiah R/a H.No.10/151, currency nagar road 2, yenamalakuduru, penamaluru, vijayawada, krishna district, A.P.- 520007 declare that my Son's Name is **KOLLA RAHUL and K. RAHUL** both names are pertaining to one and the same person, Henceforth, known as **KOLLA RAHUL** only Vide Affidavit Dated:02-01-2021 Before Notary K.V. Mani, Bengaluru-30.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) ASHRAF ALI A.P., S/o. Abdullah A.V., residing at No. 12/4, 1st Main, 10th Cross, Valmiki Nagar, Mysore Road, Near Gopalan Mall, Bangalore-26, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) ASHRAF ALI A.P** to **(NEW NAME) ASHRAF ALI** vide affidavit Dated 30/12/2020 sworn before Notary V. Rajashekhara, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Smt. Jyothi V** D/o Venkatesh W/o Sri. Mohan Shivakumar K, Aged about 25 Years, Residing at No.321, 3rd Cross, B Block, Janakiram Layout, Lingarajapuram, Bangalore-560084, have changed my name from Smt. Jyothi V to **Smt. Hema Jyothi V (NEW NAME)**, vide affidavit dated 01.01.2021 sworn before notary S. Vijaya Kumar, Advocate.

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Microsoft may be planning a complete overhaul of its Windows operating system in 2021, calling it a "sweeping visual rejuvenation" of the platform, The Verge reported, based on a listing for a new techie job.

The short-form video streaming service Quibi is in advanced talks to sell its content to Roku, owner of the most popular streaming media player in the US, The Wall Street Journal reported.

Britain 1st in world to start using AstraZeneca vaccine

Cheaper, easier-to-use formulation could be a game-changer for most countries; inoculation campaigns pick up speed globally

MEDICINE

LONDON: Britain on Monday began rolling out the Oxford-AstraZeneca coronavirus vaccine, a possible game-changer in fighting the disease worldwide, while China raced to inoculate millions with a domestically made jab.

High hopes have been placed in the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine, which does not have to be stored at the ultra-low temperatures required by Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna alternatives.

That could mean greater access for less wealthy parts of the world in the fight against the coronavirus, which has infected nearly 85 million people with more than 1.8 million known deaths.

Where Britain, the US and Israel have all given more than a million people their first shot, the figure is just 200,000 in Germany and a few hundred in France.

The rollout of the new vaccine comes at a crucial moment for UK authorities, who are battling a surge in infections blamed on a new virus variant that authorities have said is much more contagious.

Across the English Channel, the European Medicines Agency said it could approve an inoculation from US firm Moderna as soon as Monday, under pressure from EU member nations frustrated by slow progress in the bloc while other advanced countries race ahead.

In Beijing, thousands lined up for vaccination as Chinese authorities raced to inoculate millions ahead of the Lunar New Year mass travel season in February.

Brian Pinker, an 82-year-old retired maintenance manager on dialysis for kidney disease, was the first to receive the AstraZeneca jab | AFP

China has already administered around 4.5 million doses of largely unproven emergency vaccines this year -- mostly to health workers and other state employees destined for overseas jobs, according to authorities.

Controversial vax strategy

Aspects of Britain's vaccination plans have spurred controversy.

Both vaccines require two shots, and Pfizer had recommended that the second dose be given within 21 days of the first. But The U.K.'s Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunization said authorities should give the first vaccine dose to as many people as possible, rather than setting aside shots to ensure others receive two doses. It has stretched out the time between the doses from 21 days to within 12 weeks. While two doses are required to fully protect against COVID-19, both provide high levels of protection after the first dose, the committee said. Making the first dose the priority will "maximize benefits from the vaccination program in the short term," it said.

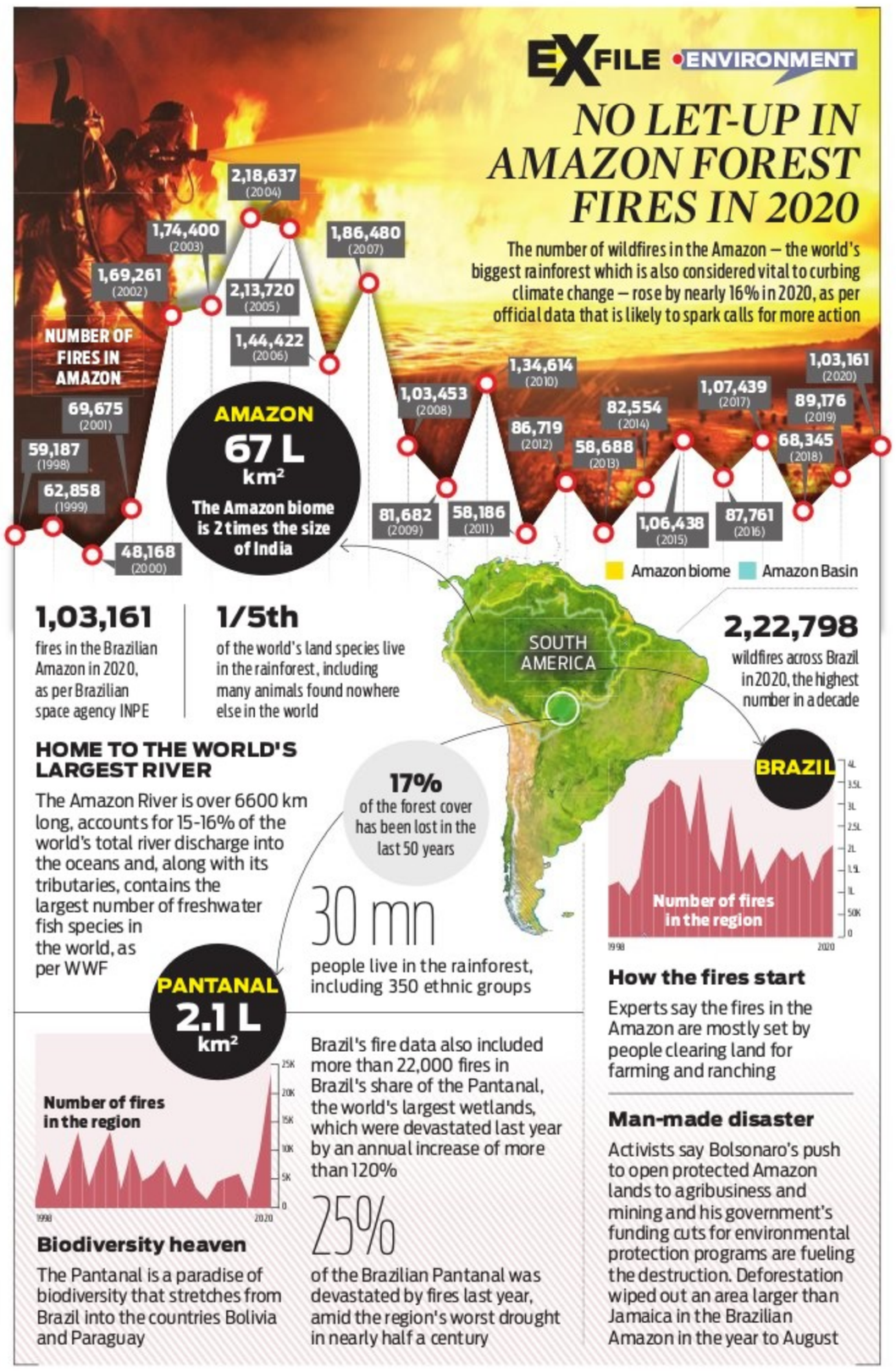
Stephen Evans, a professor of pharmacoepidemiology at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, said policymakers are being forced to balance the potential risks of this change against the benefits in the middle of a deadly pandemic.

"We have a crisis situation in the UK with a new variant spreading rapidly, and as has become clear to everyone during 2020, delays cost lives," Evans said. "When resources of doses and people to vaccinate are limited, then vaccinating more people with potentially less efficacy is demonstrably better than a fuller efficacy in only half."

In England alone, 23,557 people were hospitalized with COVID-19 on Saturday. While figures for Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales haven't been updated in recent days, that's higher than the U.K.-wide peak during the first wave of the pandemic.

100 mn Oxford vax doses for UK

Britain has secured the rights to 100 million doses of the vaccine. The new vaccine will be administered at a small number of hospitals for the first few days so authorities can watch out for any adverse reactions. But the NHS said hundreds of new vaccination sites will open later this week.


EXFILE • ENVIRONMENT
NO LET-UP IN AMAZON FOREST FIRES IN 2020
The number of wildfires in the Amazon – the world's biggest rainforest which is also considered vital to curbing climate change – rose by nearly 16% in 2020, as per official data that is likely to spark calls for more action
NUMBER OF FIRES IN AMAZON
2,18,637 (2004)
1,74,400 (2003)
1,86,480 (2007)
1,69,261 (2002)
2,13,720 (2005)
1,44,422 (2006)
69,675 (2001)
59,187 (1998)
62,858 (1999)
48,168 (2000)
1,03,453 (2008)
1,34,614 (2010)
81,682 (2009)
58,186 (2011)
86,719 (2012)
82,554 (2014)
58,688 (2013)
1,06,438 (2015)
1,07,439 (2017)
87,761 (2016)
89,176 (2019)
1,03,161 (2020)
68,345 (2018)
AMAZON
67 L km²
The Amazon biome is 2 times the size of India
Amazon biome
Amazon Basin
SOUTH AMERICA
1,03,161
fires in the Brazilian Amazon in 2020, as per Brazilian space agency INPE
1/5th
of the world's land species live in the rainforest, including many animals found nowhere else in the world
2,22,798
wildfires across Brazil in 2020, the highest number in a decade
HOME TO THE WORLD'S LARGEST RIVER
The Amazon River is over 6600 km long, accounts for 15-16% of the world's total river discharge into the oceans and, along with its tributaries, contains the largest number of freshwater fish species in the world, as per WWF
17%
of the forest cover has been lost in the last 50 years
30 mn
people live in the rainforest, including 350 ethnic groups
BRAZIL
Number of fires in the region
1998
2020
PANTANAL
2.1 L km²
Number of fires in the region
Brazil's fire data also included more than 22,000 fires in Brazil's share of the Pantanal, the world's largest wetlands, which were devastated last year by an annual increase of more than 120%
Biodiversity heaven
The Pantanal is a paradise of biodiversity that stretches from Brazil into the countries Bolivia and Paraguay
25%
of the Brazilian Pantanal was devastated by fires last year, amid the region's worst drought in nearly half a century
How the fires start
Experts say the fires in the Amazon are mostly set by people clearing land for farming and ranching
Man-made disaster
Activists say Bolsonaro's push to open protected Amazon lands to agribusiness and mining and his government's funding cuts for environmental protection programs are fueling the destruction. Deforestation wiped out an area larger than Jamaica in the Brazilian Amazon in the year to August

Private Brazil clinics seek 5 mn doses of India vaccine

MEDICINE

RIO DE JANEIRO: Brazilian association of private health clinics said Sunday it was negotiating with Indian pharmaceutical firm Bharat Biotech to buy five million doses of its Covid-19 vaccine, which India has just authorized for emergency use.

The Brazilian Association of Vaccine Clinics (ABCVAC) said on its website it had signed a memorandum of understanding with the Indian firm to purchase its Covaxin vaccine, which is currently in the final stage of clinical trials.

Any final deal would be subject to approval by Brazil's health regulator, Anvisa, which has yet to approve any vaccines against the new coronavirus.

Far-right President Jair Bolsonaro's government faces mounting criticism of dragging its feet on a vaccination campaign in Brazil, which has the second-highest death toll in the pandemic, after the US.

That has left some state governments, and now the private sector, scrambling to try to launch vaccination drives on their own. ABCVAC described its planned deal with Bharat Biotech as a way to ensure Brazilians using the private health system -- typically the wealthy -- would have access to a vaccine, even as the government reserves its own initial doses for the public health system and high-priority groups such as medics and the elderly.

"We had been looking for solutions for the private market, and the possibility came up of using this Indian vaccine, which is very promising," ABCVAC president Geraldo Barbosa told Globo News.

S Africa scrambles to find out if vaccine will work on variant

RESEARCH

JOHANNESBURG: Scientists in South Africa are urgently testing to see if the vaccines for Covid-19 will be effective against the country's variant of the coronavirus.

The genomic studies come as Britain's health minister, Matt Hancock, and other experts in the UK have said they worry that vaccines may not be effective against the South African variant.

'This is the most pressing question facing us right now,' said Dr Richard Lessells, an infectious diseases expert who is working on the country's genomic studies of the variant.

'We are urgently doing experiments in the laboratory to test the variant," against the blood of people with antibodies and against the blood of people who have received vaccines, Lessells told The Associated Press Monday.

The tests, called neutralizing assays, will help determine the reliability of vaccines against the variant, he said.

The South African variant, 501.V2, is more infectious than the original COVID-19 virus and has rapidly become dominant in the country's coastal areas. It is expected that the variant will quickly become dominant inland in Johannesburg, the country's largest city, and the surrounding Gauteng province, he said.

South Africa is currently experiencing a resurgence of COVID-19 with rapidly rising numbers of cases and deaths that are surpassing what the country experienced in its first surge in late July last year.

South Africa has recorded more than 1.1 million cases of COVID-19, including 29,577 deaths, according to Monday figures from the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

S Korea's population falls for first time

DEMOGRAPHY

SEOUL: South Korea's population fell for the first time in 2020, with more people dying than were born, the government said Monday, warning that towns in poor regions faced a "crisis of extinction". The world's 12th-largest economy has one of its longest life expectancies and one of its lowest birthrates, a combination that presents a looming demographic disaster.

As of December 31, South Korea had 51,829,023 people, down 20,838 from a year earlier, as per government data.

Annual births have been falling for years and it added that they had been exceeded by deaths for the first time, 275,815 to 307,764. "In regions with poor economic, medical and educational infrastructure, the crisis of the extinction of such towns is escalating," the ministry said. It called for "fundamental changes" in government policies, including on welfare and education.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Kenyan pupils return to classes for the first time in 10 months in Nairobi on Monday | AFP

FACT OF THE MATTER

B'desh hounds face extinction

CONSERVATION

In a rickety hut on the border with Bangladesh and India, two brothers are among the last local breeders of the Sarail hound, a dog on the brink of extinction. Tall and lean with a powerful chest, pointed ears and bicoloured fur, the rare hound -- named after the border town of Sarail -- has been treasured in the South Asian nation for centuries. Their sharp eyesight and renowned hunting skills have earned them roles with the military and police, and as guard dogs, while masters love them for their devotion. But pure-bred Sarails -- believed to have descended from English greyhounds and sighthounds owned by Mughal-era feudal landlords -- are dwindling in numbers with just dozens in Bangladesh.

Consensual vaccinations

MEDICINE

France's cautious approach to rolling out a vaccination programmme appears to have backfired, leaving barely 500 people inoculated in the first week. The slow rollout of the vaccine made by Pfizer and the German firm BioNTech was blamed on mismanagement, staffing shortages during holidays and a complex French consent policy designed to accommodate unusually broad vaccine skepticism among the French public. Facing fears that people with cognitive problems would be vaccinated against their will, the government devised a time-consuming screening process before the vaccines can be ordered and administered. The government is also keen not to appear that it is forcing vaccines on anyone.

BIRDS OF PREY

Gulf traditions fuel rise of illegal falcon trafficking in Pakistan's black market

WILDLIFE

KARACHI: Since learning to capture birds as a teen, Muhammad Rafiq has amassed a small fortune in Pakistan trapping and trafficking falcons -- including some endangered species -- for wealthy Gulf Arabs.

A single falcon can fetch up to tens of thousands of dollars on the black market, which allowed Rafiq to renovate his family home.

"Every season, dealers come from Karachi and leave their contacts with us, and we call them back if we catch something," said the 32-year-old, from a nearby coastal village.

He recently trapped a peregrine falcon on a one-week hunting mission.

"I desperately needed money," he told AFP. "And God has listened to me."

For years, Pakistan has stood at the nexus of the falcon trade, both as a source of the birds of prey, and then as a destination to hunt with them.

Falcon poaching is officially banned, but demand for the birds is rising, according to the World Wildlife Fund in Pakistan.

It estimates that up to 700 falcons were illegally smuggled out of the country last year alone, often by organised criminal networks.

Their destination is normally Gulf countries, where falconry is a treasured tradition.

Owners treat the birds "like their own children", said Margit Muller, the director of Abu Dhabi's falcon hospital, which treats 11,000 falcons annually, a number that has more than doubled in the past 10 years.

One conservationist told AFP an Arab falconer usually owns around five to six hundred birds, most of which will be captured in the wild in Pakistan or Mongolia.

On the left, falcons that were seized by Pakistani authorities in Karachi from smugglers. Above, a conservationist feeds one of the birds | AFP

Wild birds are prized over those bred in captivity because they are believed to be better hunters, though there is no evidence to support those claims.

Every winter, lavish hunting parties from the Gulf flock to Pakistan's sprawling deserts, where they are given permits to use their falcons to hunt houbara bustards, a migratory bird wrongly prized as an aphrodisiac. These excursions have cast a spotlight on the deep ties between Pakistan and its allies in the Gulf. For decades, the Gulf states have propped up Islamabad's ramshackle finances with generous loans, with one of the expectations being that they can continue to use Pakistan as a hunting playground.

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DAY'S DIARY

Party founded

On this day in 1919, the German Workers' (labours) Party was founded by Anton Drexler and Michael Lotter at the Fürstenfelder Hof in Munich

THE BEGINNING

On Sept. 12, 1919, after Adolf Hitler joined the political party, the party's name was changed to National Sozialistische Deutsche Arbeiter Partei (NSDAP)

PARTY MANDATE

On February 24, 1920, Adolf Hitler announced the party's programme which remained unaltered until the party was dissolved in 1945

THE INFAMOUS HISTORY

On June 22, 1933, Hitler banned all other parties, making Germany a one political party country, the National Socialist party

Danish Sait to bring Gopi on big screen

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Amit Das

Picture courtesy: Kadence

FLING WITH STRINGS

The pandemic saw many turn towards music for solace but besides guitars and pianos, ukuleles, or 'chhota guitars', have also emerged as a new favourite among people

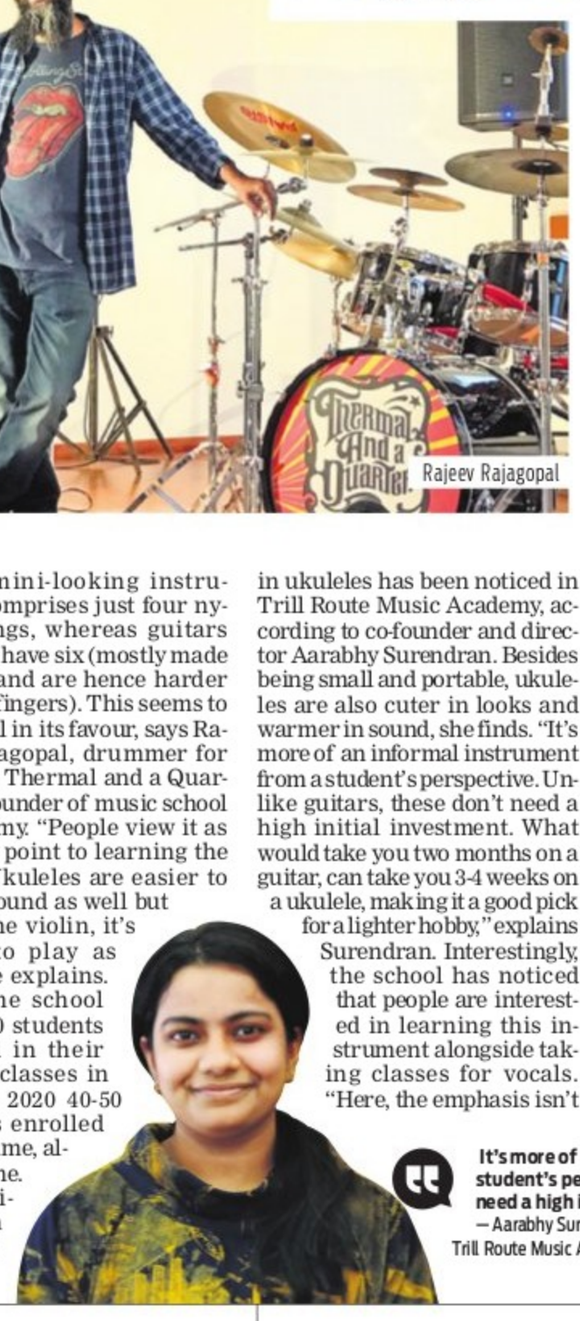
Rajeev Rajagopal

SIMRAN AHUJA

THEY say music has the power to heal, so it comes as no surprise that many took to playing an instrument in these strange times. But while guitar, drums and piano have always been popular picks, the ukulele seems to be slowly picking up pace, with enthusiasts looking for an easier instrument to learn. Besides a general rise in demand for guitars and other instruments, Kadence, a manufacturer of musical instruments, also noticed an increase in ukulele sales last year. "Ukuleles, commonly referred to as a 'chhota guitar', have always been around but during the pandemic, it particularly became popular because everyone had more time to discover new things. We sold around 50,000 units in 2019. The number rose to over 1,50,000 in 2020," says Siddhartha Jhunjhunwala, director and founder of Kadence.

This mini-looking instruments comprises just four nylon strings, whereas guitars typically have six (mostly made of steel and are hence harder on one's fingers). This seems to work well in its favour, says Rajeev Rajagopal, drummer for the band Thermal and a Quarter and founder of music school Taaqademy. "People view it as an entry point to learning the guitar. Ukuleles are easier to carry around as well but unlike the violin, it's easier to play as well," he explains. While the school saw 15-20 students enrolled in their ukulele classes in 2019, in 2020 40-50 students enrolled for the same, albeit online.

A similar rise in interest in ukuleles has been noticed in Trill Route Music Academy, according to co-founder and director Aarabhy Surendran. Besides being small and portable, ukuleles are also cuter in looks and warmer in sound, she finds. "It's more of an informal instrument from a student's perspective. Unlike guitars, these don't need a high initial investment. What would take you two months on a guitar, can take you 3-4 weeks on a ukulele, making it a good pick for a lighter hobby," explains Surendran. Interestingly, the school has noticed that people are interested in learning this instrument alongside taking classes for vocals. "Here, the emphasis isn't so much on the performance but on the folk and community element of the instrument, where people get together in small groups and jam together. This is perfect for an indoor hangout session during Covid times," she says.



City-based musician Amit Das, who also conducts ukulele lessons, believes people now have more options to choose from too when it comes to buying the instrument. "Two years ago, you wouldn't find the same variety that we have today, where we have multiple brands making it easier for students to access the instrument," he says. The instrument is more budget-friendly too. While a ukulele retails anywhere between ₹3,000 and ₹4,000, a guitar would require a minimum of ₹6,000-₹7,000. "The minimum number of classes you'd need to learn the basics and play a few easy songs on a ukulele would be 12 but a guitar needs at least 20-30," he adds.

It's not just youngsters picking up this instrument. "The instrument became a favourite amongst celebrities like Shreya Ghoshal, Warren Buffet and others which made everyone develop an interest in it. Our customer base varies from youngsters, parents, professionals and even retired elder people looking to indulge in some musical activity," adds Jhunjhunwala.

It's more of an informal instrument from a student's perspective. Unlike guitars, these don't need a high initial investment
— Aarabhy Surendran, co-founder and director, Trill Route Music Academy

PRETTY PICTURE

The sound of a ukulele almost instantly paints a picture of serene Hawaiian beaches and grass skirts. The instrument is commonly believed to have been brought to Hawaii by Portuguese immigrants in the 1800s, and the name 'ukulele' roughly translates to 'jumping flea' in English. Over the years, many musicians have adopted the instrument and even incorporated it into their songs. Some popular ones include *Hey, Soul Sister* by Train; *Ram On* by Paul McCartney;a cover of Elvis Presley's *Can't Help Falling in Love* by Twenty One Pilots and more.

I bought a ukulele in December. It's much easier to learn and it's something I enjoy in my leisure time. It's a great stressbuster
— Sumendra Bharadwaj, finance professional

ART IN ALPHABETS

City-based artist Baadal Nanjundaswamy creates a novel piece of work yet again, this time by working on Kannada alphabets to help children with special needs

MONIKA MONALISA

WHILE there are many who question how art helps society, **Baadal Nanjundaswamy** has an apt answer to that. The street artist recently created a wall art with Kannada alphabets for children with special needs. The campaign was done in association with All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru.

Each of the 49 alphabets is represented with sketches of objects or animals that start with the same alphabet. So, Nanjundaswamy has shown various animals and objects like rats, clocks, ladders, etc. so that children can identify them easily.

The project came to him when he was on the AIISH campus sketching some cartoon characters. The director of the institute requested him to come up with something for children with special needs. It took Nanjundaswamy 10-15 days to conceptualise and finish the project. "This kind of work does not take much time, but since it's not a regular project, a lot of thought has gone behind it. I first thought of the word that goes well with the alphabet, scribbled it on a piece of paper before I did the final one on the wall," explains Nanjundaswamy, adding that he took inspiration from the words he learnt as a child. The alphabets are drawn in the book as a background which will make children feel like they are reading from a 'big book'.

Nanjundaswamy has earlier used his art to raise voice on issues like potholes, the migrant labour crisis or the importance of wearing masks. For this project, his inspiration was teachers. "When classes went online, it was difficult to teach children, especially those with special needs. Holding their attention was the biggest challenge but the teachers didn't give up. I wanted to draw something to help them," says Nanjundaswamy. The project also came with its own set of challenges. As it was for a educational purpose, he had to make sure that the alphabets are not lost in art, which meant that he had to tone down the artistic side. Though in Mysuru, the art has garnered quite a bit of attention in Bengaluru too, after Nanjundaswamy put it up on social media.

EAST MEETS WEST

It was fusion at its best when members of the Shivapriya School of Dance performed *Matsyakanya*, based on the American Broadway musical, *The Little Mermaid*. The programme, held at Chowdaiah Memorial Hall on Sunday, was dedicated to Indian cinema artistes. JASHISHKRISHNA HP

CITY READ

Hospital wins awards

Aster DM healthcare has bagged best 'Home Healthcare Brand' award, bronze in 'Health Innovation Award' for Critical Care Nursing in homecare and Silver Award in 'COVID protection project' category at India Health & Wellness (IHW) Award 2020. While the 'Home Healthcare Category' & 'Health Innovation Award' aims to recognise innovation in home care, the 'COVID protection project' award is given for helping patients quickly and effectively during the pandemic. Dr Harish Pillai, CEO- Aster India, said, "We have focussed on innovations, such that we are better prepared to face disruptions brought in by the pandemic."

Storehouse of stories

Three young women are creating a virtual repository of untold stories of the heritage of women and queer identities

VIDYA IYENGAR

IN an attempt to create a virtual repository of untold stories of the heritage of women and queer identities, three young women are bringing alive contributions by those in the age group of 18-25 years. The Museum of Memories, a project undertaken by Charulatha Dasappa, writer and artist, Aakriti Chandervanshi, architect and photographer, and Mallika Dabke, a media professional, will comprise stories across mediums that are relevant to the intersection of heritage and gender. "This intersection is at the core of this project, which invites contributors to examine personal memory and community histories that have simply been left out," says Dasappa, about the project that took off thanks to a grant given by the British Council to Sandbox Collective.

The curators say they have been thinking about "how people in our age group" have increasingly been contemplating and exploring questions of identity and heritage. "Especially in such volatile times, it seems important to find grounding in our roots, more so for women and gender and sexual minority groups, where much of our heritage has been left out of the historical canon," says Dasappa (25).

Of the contributions received, they will choose 10 that will be woven into a digital tapestry. "It is interesting for us to think of how these objects and artworks might be showcased in a physical gallery, and then adapt that vision into a virtually accessible format using audio and visuals to build a narrative, and an evocative experience around each contribution," she explains.

The project will go live online in March. Contributors can send in an artwork, an object of personal sentimental value or a piece of literature or family folklore. "There is no limitation on the form or medium of the submissions – it is the story of the piece that matters most to us," says Dasappa, adding that the challenge lies in moving beyond urban settings. "We have been trying to reach out farther across geographies, languages, and socio-economic groups," she says.

The last date for submissions is Jan. 17. Details on Sandbox Collective website

Left to right: Charulatha Dasappa, Aakriti Chandervanshi, Mallika Dabke

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LET YOUR SKIN SHINE

Auravedic, a natural beauty brand, presents Nalpamaradi Thailam. Nalpamaradi is a traditional ingredient used as a beauty enhancer. When blended with oil, it creates a luminous effect on the skin. Suitable for all skin types, Nalpamaradi Thailam can be used day or night. Priced at ₹350 for 100 mL **Available at:** https://auravedic.com/

LIVE ACTION

Ranga Shankara is all set to reopen its auditorium with the highly-acclaimed play *Karimayi*. It is one of Kannada theatre's longest-running plays, directed by veteran artiste B Jayashree. The play is a musical, with music score by Dr Chandrashekhar Kambara. The live original music and singing are led by Jayashree. **When:** January 8, 7:30 pm **Where:** Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar **Details:** bookmyshow.com

TANJORE PAINTING

Sajitha Arts presents a special exhibition of Tanjore paintings till January 14. The price ranges from ₹250 to ₹1 lakh. A special New Year offer of 10 per cent to 15 per cent will be given to customers. **For details, call:** 24315573, 9444362974

FESTIVE COLLECTION

Jaypore has launched their festive collection, which includes handcrafted leather juttis at ₹1,890; Nandi handcrafted antique gold dhokra tabletop accent at ₹9,592; a maroon embroidered linen kurta with bead work at ₹6,291; and a purple handloom Maheshwari Kalidar kurta with contrast border and slip at ₹6,392. **Available at:** www.jaypore.com and in-store

Check out this latest dining space, Badmaash, which offers Indian cuisine like Mughalai Butter Chicken and Shahi Kumbh Galouti. At UB City

Flavours of India

Try out a variety of flavoured rices at the 'Biryani & Pulao Collection'. The new menu has been introduced at a price range of ₹625 to ₹825. **Where:** ITC Hotels. **Details:** 080-61401227, 080-61401205

Smell good

ISAK brings you a unique box of nine unisex perfumes. Explore the entire range with the Discovery Pack – a sample collection of the nine unisex perfumes, offered in 2ml mini-vials. Price: ₹650. **Available at** https://silkayra.com/, https://www.storyofindia.in/, https://scentkraft.com/home

Take a bao

Craving some baos? Order these boxes that come with 12 pieces of steamed baos, Hoisin sauce, house soy ketchup, pickled cucumber with fresh red chillies, lettuce and roasted spiced peanuts. For the fillings you have a choice of Chilli Basil Chicken, Char Siu Pork Belly, Cantonese style roasted pork belly and the Soy Garlic Shitake which is a preparation of overnight marinated steamed shitake mushroom. **Price:** ₹2,500 onwards **Details:** 9606071430

Yummy in the tummy

Learn to make your favourite desserts like truffles, fudges, layered chocolate, marble chocolate with Reema's Swad kitchen's online workshop. It will be focusing on vegetarian and eggless chocolates. **When:** Jan 5. **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Nourish your skin and hair

Bare Anatomy, a personalised haircare brand, brings a nourishing range for hair and skin that includes shea butter for soothing and repairing, aloe vera gel for hydrating and moisturising, argan oil for strengthening and anti-ageing. With the best of botanical extracts, this exotic range is the saving grace to gift a spa-like experience at home. Priced at `2,750. **For details, visit:** bareanatomy.in

Stylish picks

The Souled Store brings you the season's best picks to keep you warm and stylish. The ensemble for him and her features; knitted sweaters, sweatshirts, hoodies, jackets, sweatshirt dresses, joggers, and socks in popular themes like Marvel, DC, Harry Potter, and more. **Available at:** www.thesouledstore.com

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

BESAN HALWA

INGREDIENTS

- **Wheat flour:** 1 cup ■ **Sugar:** ¾ cup ■ **Ghee:** 2/3 cup
- **Hot water:** 1 cup ■ **Nuts:** 1/2 cup, finely chopped
- **Kewra:** 1/2 tsp

METHOD

- Heat ghee in a heavy-bottom pan.
- Add wheat flour and stir it till it changes colour.
- Add sugar and let it caramelise. Add water and keep stirring.
- Add the nuts. Add kewra.
- Serve hot.

— Smrithy Punjala, Hyderabad

FIT BIT

AGNISAR KRIYA

(STIMULATING THE DIGESTIVE FIRE)

In Sanskrit, 'agni' means 'fire', 'sar' means 'essence', and 'kriya' means 'action'. This is a cleansing technique which clears, regulate and balaces the Manipura (navel) chakra, strengthens the abdominal muscles and improves digestion. It is a preparatory practise for Nauli kriya, which is an exercise involving the rolling of the abdominal muscles. It improves the function of adrenal and pancreatic glands. It is one of the most important forms of pranayama one can practise. It functions as a great way to remove toxins from the body and enhance the immune system.

STEPS

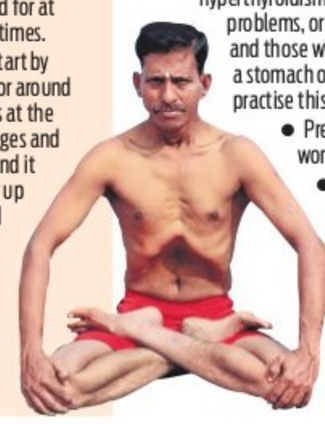
- Sit in Padmasana and keep both your hands gently on your knees. Close your eyes and focus on breathing.
- Slowly exhale and hold the breath. Apply slight pressure as you keep your hands straight on your knees.
- Start contracting and expanding your stomach as you try to touch your navel deep inside.
- Remain still in this position as you inhale slowly. Keep on taking deep breaths as you stay stable.
- The expansion and contraction of the stomach must be performed for at least ten times.
- You can start by doing it for around 5 minutes at the initial stages and then extend it gradually up to around 15 minutes.

BENEFITS

- It focuses on churning the practitioner's belly which can improve the abdominal muscles and get rid of digestive disorders.
- Cures lung disorders since it involves strong, forceful rhythms of inhalation and exhalation. Such strong breathing technique empties lungs of phlegm and coughs thus ensuring smooth breathing.
- Regulates the fire element of the body which in turn helps to keep the energy levels high all day. It also maintains the warmth of the body.
- Rejuvenates the organs which can also stop the ageing process.
- Increases the blood flow within the body.
- Serves as an inner activity in which the digestive and abdominal muscles are churned, thus massaging internal organs, especially the belly.
- Stimulates the pancreas and liver, thus aiding in curing obesity and diabetes.

LIMITATIONS

- Patients with hernia, heart disease, ulcers, hyperthyroidism, diarrhoea, intestinal problems, or high blood pressure and those who have recently had a stomach operation, must never practise this.
- Pregnant or menstruating women should avoid.
- Practise this only under the guidance of a yoga teacher.



– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

SOUND BOARD

VINA PODCAST

Vina is a Tamil entertainment Podcast which among others, serves as a platform to voice out personal opinions on various socio-political factors.
- On Apple Podcasts

THE INTERNET SAID SO

This is a weekly podcast where Aadar, Neville, Kautuk and Varun discuss random, fun, stupid, pointless, weird, shocking 'facts' they find on the Internet.
- On Spotify

THE BABY BED

As one of the pioneers of stand up comedy in India, Sundeep is partially blind but 100% politically incorrect. In this weekly podcast stand-up comedian Sundeep Rao gives his take on what's happening in India and the world, how we're changing as individuals and whats up with the middle class.
- On Spotify

TEN PERCENT HAPPIER WITH DAN HARRIS

In this podcast, Dan explores happiness (whatever that means) from all angles. Guests include legendary meditation teachers – from the Dalai Lama to Western masters – as well as scientists, and even the odd celebrity.
- On Apple Podcasts

RISE & CONQUER

This podcast is for those who want to take ownership of their lives, live unapologetically and turn their dreams into reality. The Rise & Conquer podcast will provide the tools and steps that will inspire you to take bold action, feel confident and conquer your goals.
- On Spotify

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

KOTIGOBBA 2

A real estate agent disguises himself as a robber and loots wealthy people. When the police begin the investigation, he tries to convince them that his identical twin brother is the culprit.
- Cast: Kichcha Sudeep, Nithya Menen

VAJRAKAYA

Viraj, an orphan adopted at a young age, discovers that his mother and grandfather are still alive. Soon, he embarks on a journey to meet his mother, who lives under the tyranny of her father.
- Cast: Shivarajkumar, Nabha Natesh, Karunya Ram

RAMA RAMA RE

An escaped death row convict ends up taking a road trip with an old man on a personal mission and a young couple trying to elope.
- Cast: Dharamanna Kadur, Nataraj S Bhat

AVAL ORU THODAR KADHAI

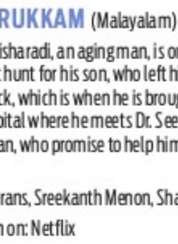
Kavitha, a young woman, is the sole bread winner for her family. In order to fulfill their dreams and ambitions, she puts herself through the daily grind of working in an office maintaining a tough exterior at home and at office.
- Cast: Kamal Haasan, Sujatha, Jai Ganesh

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 THE ORIGIN OF COUNTLESS CONSPIRACY THEORIES BY PATRICK JMT

Why can we find geometric shapes in the night sky? Why can patterns be found in just about any text? Patrick JMT describes the Ramsey theory, which states that given enough elements in a set or structure, some interesting pattern among them is guaranteed to emerge.



2 THE MOST COLORFUL GEMSTONES ON EARTH BY JEFF DEKOFSKY

In 1986, Australian miners found a fist-sized gemstone, which they named the Hailey's Comet opal. Thanks to a characteristic called "play of colour," no two opals look the same. So what causes these displays? Jeff Dekofsky digs into the rock's shimmering, dancing displays of light.

3 THE MATHEMATICS OF HISTORY BY JEAN-BAPTISTE MICHEL

What can mathematics say about history? According to TED Fellow Jean-Baptiste Michel, quite a lot. From changes to language to the deadliness of wars, he shows how digitised history is just starting to reveal deep underlying patterns.

4 HOW TO UNDERSTAND POWER BY ERIC LIU

Every day, we move and operate within systems of power that other people have constructed. But we're often uncomfortable talking about power. Why? Eric Liu describes the six sources of power and explains how understanding them is key to being an effective citizen.

5 A STRATEGY OF SUPPORTING AND LISTENING TO OTHERS BY JEREMY BREWER

Giving us a peek into this little-discussed aspect of the job, police officer Jeremy Brewer shares thoughtful insights on why respecting people's space is sometimes more important than trying to fix an unfixable moment – and explains how you can use this approach to support someone when they need you the most.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

AVANE SRIMANNARAYANA (Kannada)

In pursuit of solving a long-held mystery of Amaravati, Narayana -- the quirky new cop in the town -- has to get past a dreaded clan of dacoits and its fierce leader Jairam.
- Cast: Rakshit Shetty, Shanvi Srivastava, Achyuth Kumar
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹129 per month

RANNA (Kannada)

Sharat assures his ageing grandfather that he will reunite him with his estranged daughter. To fulfil his promise, he goes to work for the woman's family as a driver.
- Cast: Sudeep, Prakash Raj, Avinash
- Watch on: MX Player

SARILERU NEEKEVVARU (Telugu)

Ajay, an army major, journeys to Kurnool when he is assigned a covert mission. However, he finds himself in the middle of a major scam and sets out to uncover the truth.
- Cast: Mahesh Babu, Rashmika Mandanna, Vijayshanti Sukumaran
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

PAAPAM CHEYYATHAVAR KALLERIYATTE (Malayalam)

Rohan's family arranges his marriage with the daughter of another elite family. However, unforeseen events befall when the bride-to-be turns out to be unconventional.
- Cast: Vinay Forrt, Arun Kurian, Santhy Balachandran
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

AALORUKKAM (Malayalam)

Pappu Pisharadi, an aging man, is on a constant hunt for his son, who left him 16 years back, which is when he is brought to a hospital where he meets Dr. Seetha and Priyan, who promise to help him find his son.
- Cast: Indrans, Sreekanth Menon, Shaji AJ
- Watch on: Netflix

RANGASTHALAM (Telugu)

A young man with hearing impairment and his elder brother decide to end 30 years of the tyrannical rule of Phanindra, the president of Rangasthalam village.
- Cast: Ram Charan, Samantha Ruth Prabhu, Aadhi
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

FOREIGN

MULAN (English)

A girl disguises as a male warrior and joins the imperial army in order to prevent her sick father from being forced to enlist as he has no male heir.
- Cast: Yifei Liu, Donnie Yen, Li Gong
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

A CALL TO SPY (English)

At the dawn of World War II, a desperate Winston Churchill orders his new spy agency to train women for covert operations. Together, these female agents help undermine the Nazi regime in France, leaving an unmistakable legacy in their wake.
- Cast: Sarah Megan Thomas, Stana Katic, Radhika Apte
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

FRACTURED (English)

A couple stops at a gas station, where their 6-year-old daughter's arm is fractured. They hurry to a hospital. Something strange is going on there. The wife and daughter go missing.
- Cast: Sam Worthington, Lily Rabe, Lucy Capri
- Watch on: Netflix

ROSE ISLAND (Spanish)

An idealistic engineer builds his own island off the Italian coast and declares it a nation, drawing the world's attention. Values are tested when the Italian Government declares him an enemy, but to change the world risks must be taken.
- Cast: Matilda De Angelis, Tom Wlaschiha, Elio Germano
- Watch on: Netflix

MX Player: Free
Netflix: ₹ 199 per month
Amazon Prime: ₹ 129 per month
Disney+Hotstar: ₹ 399 per year

FIGHTING FEAR WITH A DOSE OF TRAVEL

THIS time last year, when Wuhan's true potential was still an unknown quantity, one of the most important decisions (in those days of innocence) before us was: Where do we holiday this year? 2020 was a unique year, it had rhyme and rhythm, it marked a new decade, and was meant to be celebrated. No doubt, there were millions like us, charting dreams and plans.

So after the New Year resolutions were shared, discussed and scoffed at, came the big question: Where? The la-di-dah lady, with upper crust pretensions, declared that she was done with domestic destinations and it had to be somewhere exotic, so please open up those purses. The young man, grappling with board exams, would poke his head out of his books with his two-bit too.

It was a mission of sorts: we all put pen to paper, scanned websites and maps, checked out airlines and visa regulations, calculated and recalculated costs... Bali? Maldives? Food trail? History tour? Europe? Mediterranean cruise? Dubai Expo 2020? Even the shortlist was pretty long.

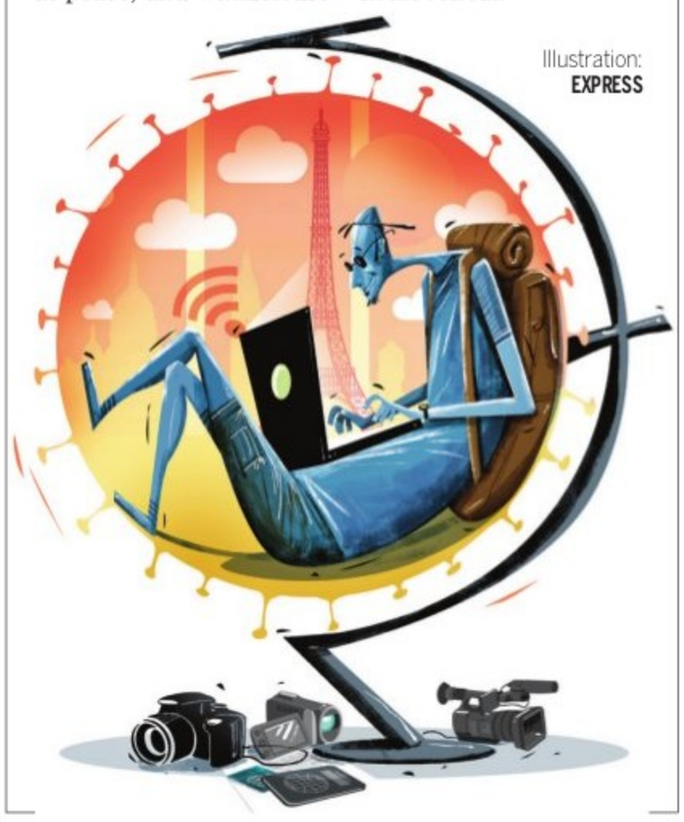
But that was not to be. Our plans, which had barely made it to the drawing board, melted away. Travel seemed like a distant impossibility, the world was locked and barred, and if we could get our groceries, we were content. The best-laid plans of mice and men... But dreams are free, so are voyeuristic voyages, and they could do no harm. Those bitten by the travel bug will vouch that the travel itch can gnaw away at peace, and wanderlust demands it be sated.

Were we going to allow the virus — that tiny bag of protein with strange protrusions, afraid of soap and heat — to get away with this murder of normality? No, sir. The logic being that sometime, somewhere, the virus is going to get everyone, the planning began again, though far less ambitious. And we were rewarded with a spectacular sunrise and an equally awe-inspiring sunset, both uplifting experiences -- as the sun rose with a warm golden glow, it brought hope; as it dipped, a brilliant orange, it set the sea on fire and promised to return. Both reinstated our faith that all would be well with the world again.

The first tentative venture was a friend's farmhouse (we could be in control of our surroundings), the second to neighbouring Nandi Hills to catch the sunrise. Conservative elements warned that we were being foolhardy but we argued, who would spend a night up on a chilly hill in the middle of October? Our presumptions were upturned — there was a virtual traffic jam up on the hill and many more hardy fools like us!

That emboldened us into a Goa trip – bags all bundled in, armed with Fastag and Google Maps, we were ready to hit the country roads. Another surprise awaited us there, resorts and hotels were packed and it seemed that anyone and everyone was out on the beaches. Fear had long been abandoned, and the 'work from anywhere, study from anywhere' gypsy trend had only served to boost tourism. Ditto on Malpe beach.

All going to prove that nothing can suppress the human spirit. It's unstoppable: throw lemons and it will probably lounge on the beach and sip lemonade. Little wonder that the virus is on the retreat.



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Of questions & answers

Imagine this: You are lounging on your favourite couch with this person you really love, and it has been a lovely day and you are in bliss. Just then, your lover caresses your arm or face or whatever, and throatily says, "You know what's wrong with you?" Lounging as you are in your blissful state, you dreamily ask them, "What is it?" Would you expect, "Nothing at all, you are just perfect as you are for me!" and a kiss, or would you expect a litany of things, "You are too lazy. You could be more ambitious. You don't really cook well. You need to brush your teeth more often. You snore a little too loudly," or any of the hundred things that might be an issue. If you really get a list of issues, would you feel open to receiving that as honest and trusting feedback, or would you feel annoyed that this moment of quiet indulgence as a couple has been tarnished by evaluation and judgment?

Most times, when we hear questions like this from those we love, we don't really expect any kind of feedback, but reassurance, support and affection. We don't really want specific critiques unless we really ask for it, and even then, we want it to be given in as lovingly and as kindly as possible. Even when we ask, "Tell me honestly! Be quite brutal!" and seemingly encourage the absolute, naked truth and harsh, direct reality checks, we are quite likely hoping for big positive supportive statements and want any negativity to be gently sandwiched between more positive statements, or couched in as diplomatic a way as possible, or at least a bit of an apologetic tone to communicate that this is going to be difficult.

On celebratory occasions like birthdays, anniversaries, New Year's eve and other such days, it is even more clear. We want to be happy, festive and in a joyful place. We don't really want perfect and unvarnished truth when we ask questions like, "How do I look?" or "What do you think of this carrot halwa I made for the festival?" If it is really terrible, we expect our loved one to show a mirror to us gently, or better still take us to it so we can recognise the reality for ourselves, and if we get upset, they can be there to make us feel better, fix it and just help us make the best of the situation like friends can, as in "Come! Let's check you out in the mirror!" or "Have you tried it? Here! Have a taste yourself and then we can talk about it!"

Knowing which questions are invitations for real and honest conversations, and which are expected to be just calls for reassurance or support, is the tricky aspect. When in doubt, go with being caring and connected, stay to support when encouraging self-reflection, and even if pushed for honesty, practice a bit of diplomacy. Love matters more than any perceived truth.

(The author is a counsellor with InnerSight)

Actor Viraat in designer Bhargavi Vikyathi's latest collection, and the metallic tie (right)

Bold colours, metallic ties, and animals prints... Sandalwood designer Bhargavi Vikyathi starts the New Year on a stylish note by bringing out a menswear collection

SUIT YOURSELF

MONIKA MONALISA

IF we want to start the New Year with a little bit of kindness and love, why not make it stylish too? That's what fashion designer Bhargavi Vikyathi is doing. Known for her womenwear collections and having styled many Sandalwood stars, Vikyathi has just dropped her collection for men, which is being showcased by Kannada actor Viraat.

Bold colours, animal prints and metallic ties mark the collection, which can get you party-ready in no time. "Last year was slightly low key for the industry and it was no different for us. So I decided to start the New Year on a colourful and glamorous note," says Vikyathi. Having designed and styled actresses like Sreeleela, Harshika Poonacha and Deepika Das, among others, the 29-year-old designer wanted to experiment with menswear. "If there's anything I learnt from 2020, it was that life is really uncertain, and you should push yourself to try out new things. That will also give you a chance to rediscover yourself. I have always loved dressing all the actresses and this is the first time I am trying my hand at a collection for men," explains Vikyathi.

The collection, which has heavy usage of bold colours and prints, is modern and casual. "This can be anyone's go-to look for an evening out or a night of clubbing. I have tried to experiment with an animal print robe jacket, which I paired with tapered ankle length pants, which can be worn for day events too," describes Vikyathi. Ask her about the most fun wear to design and pat comes the reply: the metallic tie. "These ties are usually made of lighter metal pieces and are studded with mirrors too. It's like a futuristic design, which does not need any other accessory. You can team it with a plain white shirt and you are all set to burn the dance floor," she adds.

The designer can't stop talking about Kiss-fame Viraat donning her designs with ease. "As a designer, we come up with the best designs possible, but if it is not carried off well, then it's of no use. Viraat just owned the whole couture with lot of oomph and ease," she says.

This version of Snakes and Ladders includes folk art forms of Gond and Kalamkari, while introducing players to the philosophy of karma that the game was traditionally associated with

GAME OF LIFE

SIMRAN AHUJA

Snakes and Ladders may not rank the highest on lists of world's most fun games but this new version sure adds layers of creative complexity to it. Kavade, a city-based store that retails traditional games, recently launched two DIY kits for Snakes and Ladders. Children can not only assemble their own game but also learn more about the Indian art forms of Gond and Kalamkari. Each kit comprises a nine-piece jigsaw puzzle gameboard, 24 ladder tiles (which can be placed anywhere and changed around from game to game), snake templates (also movable) that need to be painted, dice, two pawns, and paints and a brush.

"The game also provides a small introduction to the origin of the game, which, interestingly, lies in India. Besides that, there's also a leaflet about the art forms we chose, the story of the artists behind it, and instructions on how kids can try the art for themselves," explains **Sreeranjini G S**, the owner of the store. The game is a collaboration between Kavade and design studio Curious Fly.

A conventional Snakes and Ladders game usually has fixed elements but in this DIY version, both the snakes and ladders can be strategically placed and even changed around. Through this, Sreeranjini hopes to introduce players to the Indian antiquity of this popular pastime, where the snakes and ladders are embedded in the concept of vice and virtue. "The traditional game is based on the concept of karma, which is the life cycle of birth and death. Snake heads are vicious and denote what happens to someone who does something they shouldn't, and ladders signify the work it takes to go back up. But at the end of the day, life is a series of up and down periods," she says, adding, "Somewhere along the line, this philosophy was eliminated and the game became all about winning or losing." The game, however, only provides an introduction to this line of thought and doesn't incorporate it. "We didn't want a strict binary," she says, adding that to compete with fast-waning attention spans, the DIY version consists of 72 squares instead of the usual 100.

The game was conceptualised in April last year. Working with Gond and Kalamkari artists took a month each, with many iterations being passed back and forth. "They are used to doing full-sized artworks so this was new to them. We also had to strike a balance between capturing the essence of the artwork and making it appealing to an urban audience," says Sreeranjini, revealing that they might come up with other games that explore Madhubani or Pattachitra art forms."

(The game is available at ₹765 till April on Kavade's website)

BACK TO THE START

Snakes and Ladders, which originated in India, was also known as Mokshapatam, gyan chaupar or parampada sopanapatam. Back then, the boards were of different sizes, having 72, 132 or 380 squares. In one of the old versions with 72 squares, 68 was the winning tile. If you accidentally overshot, you would have to play till you reached the 72nd tile, where you would encounter a snake, making you go all the way down.

Solace through silence

This 100-day meditation campaign is an attempt to deal with the chaos that we have been surrounded by in the recent times

EXPRESS FEATURES

Anxiety and uncertainty marked 2020, much of which has been carried into the new year. As fitness and food took centre stage post the arrival of Covid-19, mental health too took precedence. Now, yoga and spiritual guru Grand Master Akshar is launching a 100-day meditation campaign in January. With the campaign, which has been titled Chalo Dhyan Karen 'Time to Meditate', Akshar aims to reach out directly to 10 million people through different online and offline platforms, and assert the boons of simple meditation. A soft launch was held three months ago and it has been a work in progress since then.

The first major event will happen later this month wherein senior-level and master-level teachers will conduct meditation sessions.

"Many enquiries have been pouring in, from all over the world, regarding the process of meditation and its benefits. Many people are interested in taking up yoga and spirituality as a regular form of practice, but are not sure where and how to begin. Misconceptions abound regarding the practice and technique of meditation. Generally, there is a concern regarding the difficulty levels associated with meditative practices," says Akshar. He adds, "This is required more than ever in the view of the pandemic and the psychological effects that it has had on people all across the globe. Practices such as meditation can imbibe stillness and calmness to the mind, which will help us stand resolutely in the face of challenges while having hope and faith in our hearts."

CITY READ

INDIA ART FESTIVAL GOES VIRTUAL

The India Art Festival (IAF), a contemporary art fair that has been the platform to exhibit art and ideas, showcasing the artworks of nearly 3,000 artists from India and many other countries, has gone virtual this year. In this virtual avatar, patrons will get to see total of 45 stalls, 20 art galleries and 250 artists exhibiting total 1,000 artworks. It goes on until January 20. Rajendra, founder of India Art Festival and president, The Bombay Art Society shares, "Today, most of us in the self-quarantined state of mind, willingly or unwillingly use electronic devices, looking for ways to connect, support each other, and share. The virtual India Art Festival, a specially designed online art fair is an effort to engage 'visual art audiences' with the artists who are trying to recover from past anxieties and future worries! The festival is our commitment as a cultural organiser to answer urgencies surrounding the lives of thousands of artists in India". For more details, log onto the website of IAF.

Danish Sait to bring Gopi on big screen

The actor is set to play the popular social media character in debutant director Vamsidhar Bhogaraju's *One Cut Two Cut*

A SHARADHAA

DANISH Sait has got a memorable gift for the New Year, as he gets to collaborate with PRK Productions for his next big-screen outing. Titled *One Cut Two Cut,* this will have Danish play the popular social media character of Gopi in a full-fledged way. The production house took to Twitter to make a quirky announcement, along with a poster. "2021 a new movie is caming @PRK Productions is here to entertain you with an Gopi. Starring @DanishSait and an eclectic cast, directed by @VamBho, this is definitely going to be an absolute freak-out film ok! Filming starts in February (sic)." The poster — *One Cut Two Cut* also marks the directorial debut of Vamsidhar Bhogaraju, who tells *CE*, "Danish and I have been working together over the last few months, and we noticed that the character of Gopi was getting a lot of love from the audience. We were sharing a bunch of ideas, and thought what if Gopi is an arts and crafts teacher, and how he would cope if his life turns upside down. It turned out to be a fun story, which we are churning into a feature film. "

Vamsi is happy that the producers saw merit in the story. "Having worked as a project head for *Humble Politician Nograj* with Danish Sait and director Saad Khan, I got a hang of making a feature film. I have also been collaborating with Danish on a lot of ads, and both of us have a great working relationship. All this and more makes me excited to start my directorial career on the big screen," says Vamsi.

The film goes on floors in February, and Vamsi is currently busy with the pre-production work and decisions around the cast and crew. "As of now, I can't divulge many details, but all I can say is *One Cut Two Cut* is a family entertainer, and Gopi will have a love angle, along with elements of comedy and action," he adds. Danish is looking forward to taking the character of Gopi, which he has been playing for a long time, to the silver screen. "My friends, especially from school, are aware of this character. During the pandemic, I was doing an ad, and Vamsi, who was directing it, wanted me to bring out a different voice. When I presented this, he felt it was an interesting character, and we later developed it," recalls the stand-up comedian-actor, adding, "I always wanted to do a show wherein people review pornographic films, which brought out this character of Gopi, who is very unassuming and sweet. Now, it is going to come out as a film."

Danish is collaborating with PRK Productions for the second time, after *French Biriyani*, a film directed by Pannaga Bharana and according to the actor, producing something like this is a little more complex. "Going back to Puneeth Anna (Puneeth Rajkumar) was a no-brainer for me because he thinks as a creative person. Certain relationships evolve from friendship to mentoring. Since I have not had a mentor, Puneeth's coming on board makes it more special. The producer needs to be in sync with the world I have already created. Gopi is not a character on paper, which you read. This is about the voice, the accent, mannerism, and the world he operates in," he explains.

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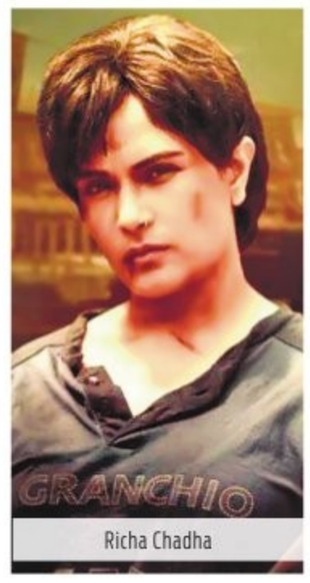

Richa Chadha

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RICHA Chadha-starrer *Madam Chief Minister* is all set to have a theatrical release on January 22, the makers announced Monday.

Written and directed by Subhash Kapoor of *Jolly LLB* fame, *Madam Chief Minister*, which also stars Manav Kaul and Saurabh Shukla, is produced by T-Series Films and Kangra Talkies.

The poster features Chadha with a broom in her hand, alongside Kaul and Shukla, with "Untouchable, Unstoppable" as the tagline.

"Presenting to you, the first look of #MadamChiefMinister, a gut shaking political drama starring Richa Chaddha, Manav Kaul and Saurabh Shukla! Out in cinemas on 22nd January! Stay tuned!" T-Series tweeted.

Madam Chief Minister also features Akshay Oberoi and Shubhrajyoti in pivotal roles. Incidentally, this would be Chadha's second theatrical release amid the coronavirus pandemic, after *Shakeela,* which hit cinema halls last month.

Sonu Sood's new film *Kisaan* launched

Sonu Sood

CE FEATURES

SONU Sood's next film Kisaan was announced on Monday, and the news is a timely one at that with the ongoing farmers' protest. Directed by E Niwas, *Kisaan* is backed by screenwriter-director Raaj Shaandilyaa (of Dream Girl-fame).

Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachchan took to Twitter to make the announcement. "All good wishes to film #*Kisaan*, directed by #ENiwas and acted by @SonuSood," he said.

Other details about the cast and crew are currently kept under wraps.

Notably, Sonu had recently launched a book recounting his experience of helping migrant workers during the COVID-19 lockdown. Titled *I Am No Messiah*, the book is written in the first person, revealing the emotional challenges the actor faced while extending help.

Acclaimed cinematographer Tetsuo Nagata joins the crew of Kangana's *Dhaakad*

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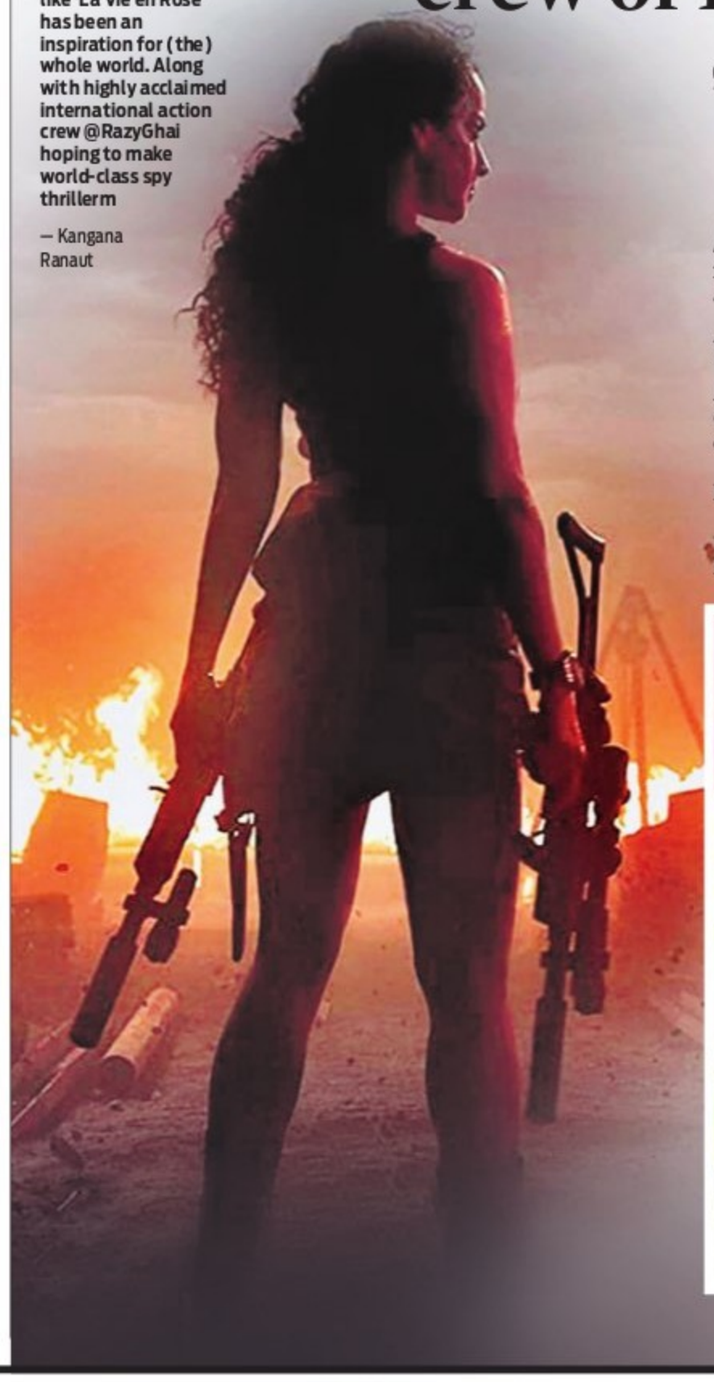

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ACTOR Kangana Ranaut on Monday welcomed award-winning international cinematographer Tetsuo Nagata into the team of her upcoming action film, *Dhaakad*.

Kangana hopes to make a world-class spy thriller along with the "highly acclaimed international action crew". Japanese origin French cinematographer Nagata is known for his work in films such as *La Vie en Rose* (2007), *Splice* (2009), and the 2006 release Paris, je t'aime.

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She also shared pictures featuring her with the team of the Razneesh Ghai directorial that features her as a spy.

Kangana recently returned to Mumbai after shooting for her upcoming release Thalaivi in Hyderabad and spending time in hometown Manali.

Kangana Ranaut and Tetsuo Nagata

Bond girl Tanya Roberts dead at 65

CE FEATURES

TANYA Roberts, best known for playing the Bond girl in the 1985 film *A View To A Kill,* is no more. She was 65.

The actor collapsed while walking her dogs on December 24, and was admitted to a hospital here. She died on Sunday, her friend and representative Mike Pingel told The Hollywood Reporter. No cause of death has been given.

"I'm devastated. She was brilliant and beautiful and I feel like a light has been taken away. To say she was an angel would be at the top of the list. She was the sweetest person you'd ever meet and had a huge heart. She loved her fans, and I don't think she realised how much she meant to them," Pingel told The Hollywood Reporter.

Roberts was a model before acting in films and TV shows.

She began acting in films in 1975 with the horror flick *Forced Entry* and also featured in films like the 1977 comedy *Racquet* and the 1982 fantasy epic *The Beastmaster.* She was also the lead in the 1984 adventure movie *Sheena: Queen Of The Jungle.*

Roberts' most notable film role was in the 1985 James Bond film *A View To A Kill.* She essayed the character of Stacey Sutton in the John Glen directorial that had Roger Moore as Agent 007, and also starred Grace Jones.

On the small screen, she played an Angel in the popular series *Charlie's Angels.* Roberts replaced Shelley Hack, appearing as Julie Rogers in the fifth and final season of the show in 1980. She also appeared in episodes of *Fantasy Island* and *Love Boat.*

Roberts also had a supporting role in the popular sitcom That '70's Show, as Midge Pinciotti, Donna's dim-witted mother.